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| M. L. PENINSULAR | 5267 | W. Wheler | 30th " 1900. |
| * ORIENTAL | 5284 | J. F. Jephson | 6th Jan. |
| M. L. EGYPT | 7912 | G. Langbourne | 13th " |
| * CARTHAGE | 5198 | J. R. Landon | 20th " |
| M. L. ORIENTAL | 5284 | J. F. Jephson | 27th " |
| * ARABIA | 7503 | J. L. Parfitt | 3rd Feb. |
| M. L. CARTHAGE | 5198 | J. R. Landon | 10th " |
| * CALEDONIA | 7536 | E. H. Gordon | 17th " |
| M. L. ARABIA | 7901 | J. L. Parfitt | 24th " |
| * PENINSULAR | 5267 | W. Wheler | 2nd Mar. |
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| * EGYPT | 7912 | G. Langbourne | 17th " |
| M. L. PENINSULAR | 5267 | W. Wheler | 24th " |
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|---|---|---|---|
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| IMPERATRIX | G. Morovich | 4,213 | 1st Feb. 1900. |
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| VINDOBONA | C. Bellen | 4,251 | 7th Jan., 1900. |
| GISELA | F. Moreo | 4,233 | 7th Feb., 1900. |
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| Reserve Liability of Proprietors ... | $ 100,00,000 |

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| AUTHORISED CAPITAL..... | £1,500,000 |
| SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... | £1,114,625 |
| PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... | £562,5000 |
| RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS ..... | £562,500 |

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Interest allowed at 2 per cent. on the daily balance if not under Rs. 1,000 and not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000. Sums over Rs. 1,00,000 will be received on terms to be ascertained on application.

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Rates for Fixed deposits for 12 months and shorter periods to be ascertained on application.

The Bank undertakes the purchase and sale of Government Securities, Stocks and Shares, and receives same for safe custody, realising interest and dividends when due.

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| | Rs. |
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| PAID-UP CAPITAL ... | 40,00,000 |
| RESERVES AND REST ... | 11,13,575 |
| SECURITY PROVIDED FOR DEPOSITORS... | 51,13,575 |

CURRENT ACCOUNTS receive 2 per cent. per annum up to Rs. 10,000 in the event of the balance not falling below Rs. 500.

STERLING DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS for Home Remittances receive 4 per cent. per annum.

FIXED DEPOSITS.—Receipts issued for 3 years at 6 per cent., 24 months at 5 1-2 per cent., 12 months at 5 per cent., 6 months at 4 1-2 per cent., 3 months at 4 per cent. per annum.

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N. B.—The Bank will also transfer sums for Deposit or Credit in London, carrying interest from date of transfer in India.

Accounts are opened and Receipts issued in the name of "either or survivor."

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INVESTMENT ORDERS on London Stock Exchange under Code with London Branch.

Rules and Particulars obtainable at any office of the Bank.

By Order of the Board,
F. D. STRANACK,
Manager.

Bombay, 30th June, 1899.

THE AGRA BANK, LIMITED.

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| CAPITAL ..... | £600,000 |
| RESERVE FUND ..... | £ 20,000 |

LONDON BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
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| DELHI ..... | Bank of Bengal. |

BOMBAY BRANCH.

ACCOUNTS CURRENT opened and Interest allowed at 2 per cent. on the Balance does not fall below Rs. 1,000.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Received on Terms to be learnt on application.

HOME REMITTANCE DEPOSITS for family and other remittances to Europe in the Bank's own Bills and Interest at 3 per cent. allowed thereon pending remittance.

Circular Notes issued negotiable in all the principal Towns in Europe. Securities received in safe custody and Interest and Dividends realised thereon.

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| At age 20, Rs. 6-9-0 |
| At age 25, Rs. 7-8-0 |
| At age 30, Rs. 8-14-0 |
| At age 35, Rs. 10-13-0 |
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| ROYAL ORANGE PEKOE .....Per lb. | 2 0 0 | ORANGE PEKOE .....Per lb. | 0 0 |
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## NOTICES.


THE NEW CONFECTIONERY.

WATSON'S ANNEXE

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MONDAY, 18TH DECEMBER,

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AND ICES.

Served in the SHOP or in the

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The STRING BAND will PLAY in the GARDEN,

FROM 5-30 TO 7-30 P.M.

NOTICE.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY TO LONDON

*VIA* BRINDISI.

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The P. & O. S. N. Co., have ARRANGED with the ITALIAN AUTHORITIES TO GRANT a limited number of FIRST CLASS THROUGH TICKETS by their Express Steamers at Trade Rates, viz. BRINDISI, at the same Rates as the First Class Through Tickets with Sleeping Car to London via Marseilles.

| | (including Rail and Sleeping Car Ticket to London). | Rs. |
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| Single Fare | | 750 |
| Return ,, 4 months | do | 1,180 |
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MACKINNON MACKENZIE & Co.,
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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS' RETURN TICKETS AT REDUCED FARES.

FIRST and SECOND CLASS RETURN TICKETS, at a FARE AND A HALF, will be issued between any two Stations on the G. I. P. Railway from THURSDAY, the 21st December, to SUNDAY, the 31st December 1899, (both days inclusive), available for the RETURN JOURNEY up to the midnight of the 14th of January 1900.

Full particulars of the concession allowed over other Railways can be obtained at Stations or from the undersigned.

A. MUIRHEAD,
General Traffic Manager.

SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TICKETS.

FIRST and SECOND Class Tickets will be issued between any two Stations or Junctions at a single fare for the double journey during the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. These Tickets must be purchased and the outward journey BEGUN on any day between the 16th of December, 1899, and the end of the month and the RETURN journey must be COMPLETED before the 16th of January 1900.

NEVILLE PRIESTLEY,
Traffic Manager.

Traffic Manager's Office, Dharwar, 9th December 1899.

NOTICE.

GOVERNMENT VETERINARY COLLEGE, BOMBAY.

CANDIDATES intending to JOIN the Veterinary College during the next year should submit their applications here before 1 h January, next, on which date an Entrance Test for those who have not passed either the University School Final or Matriculation Examination will be held.

A copy of the College Rules and Regulations will be forwarded on application.

J. BRODIE-MILLS, Vety. Major, A.V.D.,
Principal, Bombay Vety.-College.

Parel, Bombay, the 1st December, 1899.

NOTICE.

MADRAS MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

A DEBENTURE Loan of Rs. 8,30,000, bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly, on having a currency of 20 years, will be raised by the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras. Full particulars of the terms and conditions whereof are notified in Fasli 1308 and 322 of the Supplement to the "Fort St. George Gazette, dated 14th November, 1899.

Tenders should be sent into this office, with deposit, addressed to the President, by noon, on the 24th of January, 1900.

The allotment should be fully paid up on or before the 24th of February, 1900.

(Sd.) MD. S. HUSSAIN,
Revenue Officer.

Revenue Department, Municipal Office, Madras, 23rd Oct. 1899.

THE BOMBAY AND PERSIA S. N. Co., LD.

NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND at 10 per cent. free of income-tax for the year ending 31st December, 1899, has been declared and made payable on Original, B, and C Shares on and after the 1st proximo, and of Deferred, 1899, to the shareholders whose names were on the register on the 29th November, 1899.

Shareholders desiring to produce their share-certificates when applying for Dividend Warrants.

A. H. Z. A. SHIRAZI,
Agent.

No. 1, Ash Lane 9th December 1899.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

SAVINGS BANK.

THE BANK receives DEPOSITS on the following terms:—

Sums not exceeding Rs. 1,000 in the aggregate may be deposited within any one year from 1st January to 31st December.

Deposits may be made in the names of two or more persons, and the balance made payable to one or more of them or to the survivor or survivors.

Interest is allowed at the rate of THREE PER CENT. per annum on the minimum monthly balance not exceeding Rs. 5,000.

Copies of the Rules can be obtained on application at the Bank.

J. BEGBIE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

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" 5 " " 3 "
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V. N. PARULEKER,
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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 27m. Sun sets, 5h. 26m. High water, 0-6m., 11-46a. Low water, 6-3m., 5-32a.

Chamber of Commerce, Ballot for Election of Deputy Chairman, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Municipal Corporation, 3 p.m.

University Examination Result, B.A. and First LL.B.

The Banyard's Star Vandeville Company, Novelty Theatre, 9 p.m.

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY.—The results of the examination for the degrees of M. A. will be declared to-morrow (Tuesday) afternoon, at the University.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Aden, Egypt and Europe, via Marseilles, per s.s. Annam, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 8 a.m., to-morrow.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamers Shastri, Sabarmati and Pambanet red the dock on Saturday and the steamers Lalpura and Obra left it on Friday and the steamer Mohammadi on Saturday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamer Lindula entered the dock on Saturday and the steamers Colaba and Nerite left it on Friday, and the steamers Haddon Hall, Nowshera and Britania yesterday.

THEFT OF SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS.—Dr. G. B. Prabhaker, who resides at Girgaum Back Road, has reported to the police the theft of a case of surgical instruments, of the value of Rs. 118, on Friday last.

REPORTED THEFT ON BOARD A STEAMER.—Mr. C. E. Loansdale, Purser, on board the steam-ship Oriental, has made a report to the police that between 5 and 7 o'clock on the evening of the 14th instant, his cabin, which is on the main deck close to the saloon, was entered, and a gold watch, with a gold chain attached, of the value of Rs. 135, stolen.

FIRE IN A MILL.—On Friday morning, a quantity of cotton, lying in the blow room of the Indian Mill, caught fire from a spark caused by a stone amongst the cotton coming in contact with the machinery. The mill-fire appliances were brought into requisition and the fire put out. The damage done by fire and water was estimated at Rs. 800. Pungia Bathia, a mill-hand, aged thirty years, while endeavouring to extinguish the fire, had both his legs badly burnt. The man was sent to the J. J. Hospital and treated.

EDISON'S KINETOSCOPE.—As will be seen from an advertisement in the usual columns this grand exhibition has been arranged to be shown at 9-30 p.m. to-night, at the Tivoli Theatre, and as this is decided to be the very last performance a crowded house can safely be expected. In regard to the brilliances and the size of the pictures this is a very grand show and has been no equal, and we strongly recommend the theatre-going public, both European and Natives, not to miss this only and rare treat of its kind to-night. The prices of admission are very moderate.

CHARITABLE PERFORMANCE.—Last evening Mr. Dahyabhai Dholsaji, the proprietor of the Desh Natak Samaj, gave his drama of "Sati-Sahyukta" in aid of the funds of the Burvola Panjrapole. After the first Act the Panjrapole committee gave a handsome address to the proprietor, when Mr. Tribhovandas, the president, made a short speech alluding to his broad and charitable views and actions, his charity for the present approaching the sum of Rs. 60,000 nearly. Miss Gariand then spoke on the late famine, asking them to assist in combating the evil.

A LABOURER FATALLY INJURED.—At the J. J. Hospital, on Saturday, Mr. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry, regarding the death of Toolsia Saleka, a labourer, aged about twenty-five years. The deceased resided with his sister at 1st Bholwada Street. About a month ago, when Toolsia returned home from his work, he was seen limping and the great toe of his left foot was bandaged. When asked what the matter was with his foot, deceased replied that as he was carrying a stone in his hand, it slipped and fell on his toe, injuring it seriously. Toolsia continued to go to his work until the 30th ultimo, when he complained of stiffness in his neck and chest and also that that day his sister took him in a gharry to the J. J. Hospital. The spasms increased after admission, fever followed, and Toolsia died on Saturday morning. A verdict of accidental death in accordance with the above facts was recorded.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A MUNICIPAL LABOURER.—An inquiry was held on Saturday, at the J. J. Hospital by Mr. Turner, the coroner, on the body of Bayaji Hunma, aged about thirty-five years. The deceased was a labourer in the Bombay Municipality and was employed in loading railway Municipal waggons with *cutchera* brought by Municipal carts at the siding near the Mahalaxmee Railway Station. On Thursday morning he left his house on Tardeo Road for the Flats to load waggons and about 10 o'clock his wife heard that he had been run over by a Municipal cart and had been injured and removed to the J. J. Hospital. It appears that deceased got on to a cart loaded with *cutchera*, to empty it, when his foot accidentally slipped and he fell down. Immediately the bullocks walked on and one of the wheels passed over his chest. On examination at the hospital it was ascertained that five of the ribs on the left side had been fractured and there was contusion over the left seat of the fracture. The following day fever set in and his general condition grew worse, and he died at 6½ o'clock on Saturday morning. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

A POINT OF LAW.—At the Esplanade Police Court, on Saturday, before Mr. J. Sandys-Slatar, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Sayers charged Gnoo Mahomed Jumma with committing criminal breach of trust in respect of a currency note for Rs. 1,000, belonging to Haroon Janmahomed, who had lost it some time ago. The evidence showed that the accused was arrested by a policeman, on Thursday, with the note in his possession. The accused stated in his defence that he found the note near the Nagdevi Post Office, two or three months ago, and he was waiting for the owner to turn up and claim it. Mr. Velinkar, pleader, who defended the accused, submitted that the mere retention of the note did not constitute the offence under Section 403 with which his client was charged. It was necessary for the prosecution to prove that he had converted it to his own use. He cited 10 W. L. R. Cr. 23, per Justice Loch, who said: "All the illustrations to the section have reference to cases where the possession is first lawful has been made unlawful by the finder's converting the property to his own use, and not to cases where the utmost he has done has been to retain the property." Mr. Velinkar further contended that there was no name on the note showing to whom it belonged and that there was no indication on it by which the accused could have found out to whom he should return it. He, therefore, asked the court to acquit his client. The magistrate, in disposing of the case, remarked that it did not appear from the evidence that the accused had attempted to convert the note to his own use. He should have taken the note to the police, but as no overt act of conversion had been proved he was acquitted. The note was ordered to be handed up to the owner.

## THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., on Saturday, give the following results:—

| Wards. | Plague. Attacks. | Deaths. | Deaths from all Causes. |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade ... | 10 | 4 | 10 |
| B Mandvi, Chanchla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri ... | 6 | 7 | 36 |
| C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada ... | 8 | 2 | 29 |
| D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Malabar Hill ... | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Parbeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada ... | 5 | 5 | 58 |
| F Parel, Sewree and Sion ... | 2 | 3 | 14 |
| G Mahim and Worli ... | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| Water Division ... | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Resident and Unknown ... | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hospitals ... | 0 | 16 | 33 |
| Total ... | 36 | 37 | 197 |
| Same date last year ... | 19 | 16 | 110 |

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

| Wards. | Plague. Attacks. | Deaths. | Deaths from all Causes. |
|---|---|---|---|
| A Upper, Middle & Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade ... | 8 | 2 | 7 |
| B Mandvi, Chanchla, Umarkhadi and Dongri ... | 18 | 7 | 33 |
| C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada ... | 10 | 4 | 38 |
| D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Malabar Hill ... | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Byculla and 1st Nagpada ... | 14 | 8 | 49 |
| F Parel, Sewri and Sion ... | 2 | 1 | 13 |
| G Mahim and Worli ... | 1 | 1 | 13 |
| Water Division ... | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Resident and Unknown ... | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hospitals ... | 0 | 20 | 44 |
| Total ... | 54 | 46 | 213 |
| Total plague deaths to date ... | 61,192 | 53,320 | |

## BOMBAY UNIVERSITY SENATE.

THE annual meeting of the Senate was held in the Sir Cowasji Jehanghier Hall of the University, on Saturday afternoon. In the absence of the Hon. Mr. Justice Candy, the Vice-Chancellor, the Hon. Mr. Hughes was voted to the chair.

ELECTION OF THE REGISTRAR.

Mr. Principal M. Macmillan moved that Dr. D. MacDonald, B. Sc., C.M., be elected University Registrar for the ensuing two years. He said the fact that there was no other candidate in the field was sufficient evidence of his fitness for the post and of the confidence he inspired.

Dr. Dimmock, in seconding the proposition remarked that he was sure that every member of the Senate was well acquainted with the courtesy and tact of Dr. MacDonald, and also with the thoroughness with which he performed his duties.

The proposition was carried.

At this stage the Vice-Chancellor came in and took the chair.

DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE.

Mr. C. H. Setalwad proposed that, as recommended by the Syndicate, Regulation 17 in Engineering so far as it related to the date for holding the examination for the Diploma in Agriculture, page 82 of the Calendar for 1898-99, be suspended for this year.

The Hon'ble Mr. Hughes seconded the proposition, which was carried.

This concluded the business before the Senate.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

## PROFESSOR LADD'S TENTH LECTURE.

THE PLACE OF MAN'S MIND IN NATURE.

It was gratifying to see such a large audience assembled in the Convocation Hall on Friday evening to hear Professor Ladd's last lecture on "The Place of Man's Mind in Nature." The Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University presided. Not often does it happen in Bombay that a course of lectures extends over a period of three weeks, as the present course on Psychology has done. The fact that the audience has been virtually the same at every lecture, shows how well sustained the interest has been, and how thorough an exponent of psychological studies Professor Ladd is.

If the circle of Dr. Ladd's acquaintances on his arrival were somewhat small, he now has the satisfaction of leaving behind in Bombay many friends and admirers, especially amongst the more highly educated of our citizens, or as he preferred always to style them in his lectures, his "fellow-students." Probably as an instance of this the large meeting of graduates in the Framjee Cowasjee Hall is the most striking example, when at very short notice and at an unfoldably inconvenient hour, about five hundred graduates and others met under the auspices of the Bombay Graduates' Association to hear his lecture on the Universities of America. Professor and Mrs. Ladd were extremely grateful to the many who so cordially gave them an insight into the life and industry of the city.

As regards the tenth lecture, Professor Ladd was well-received as he ascended the *dais* to deliver his last lecture on the place of man's mind in nature. In beginning the lecture he showed that our discussion of the nature and relations of man's mental life and mental development, as known to modern science and philosophy, has presented us with a very complex picture, and during a vast subject has opened up problems belonging to a large field of general philosophy which cannot be undertaken at this time. This life and development are determined by the facts that they are through physical and social forces set in that larger system of changes which we call Nature; and each subtle life and development is something characteristic and unique, dependent upon its own original and acquired capacities and activities. There may be apparently contrary and contradictory conclusions, if these are not examined. The physical environment of man has a great effect upon his mental life and development, but the philosophy of religion, theology, and like subjects emphasize the part that man can take in the development of his nature and his relations to that larger "Nature." Every man in different degrees has much to say as to the relations with, and the place he will take in "Nature." In considering, therefore, the mind as thus placed with its own peculiar *nature* in the large "Nature," we define: 1. The scientific conception of the human body. The form this conception we must not go directly to the psychologist with his theory of monism or psycho-physical parallelism, but to physical chemistry, biology, and human anatomy and physiology. These sciences show us that "by the body is understood a system of physical elements which under exceedingly obscure and complex influence, and as modified by the action of their environment, attain temporarily a certain unity of form and of function (morphological and physiological) and go through a peculiar course of development." The body is a system of a vast number of a physical elements, which are and combine according to laws, and being modified by environment and the complex nature of physical forces, attain a temporary unity; yet the nature of that unity is not a unity in as strict a sense as that applied to the mind. We call it our body, but it is only a temporary loan from nature as it were, which, as Lotze called it, a "whirlpool" in a flowing stream—the great Stream of Nature. It has no statical existence as unity except of form in the great stream of material forces. The body is formed out of existing atoms or physical elements, and the same atoms constitute its most precious and highly organ zed substances as those which are found in other animal tissues—nay, even in the surrounding air, in the water, the soil, and the "grass of the field." It always is as a real thing, precisely what it was at the beginning and before the beginning of its being as "our body," part and parcel of natures physical "stuff." The elements, precisely the same as those which compose other things, are brought together originally by natural forces and under natural laws, about which we "know" very little. Dr. Ladd spoke at great deal of vague talk about "hereity," "variability," &c., and the doctrine of physical evolution is based on these, and although many theories as to the nature of physical evolution have been propounded yet the authors themselves are into the only advocates of their theories.

Every body believes in some kind of a unity, but none can explain the laws upon which the origin and development of the organic life of the body depends. The organism of the body then is a loan from nature, carried on by physical influences as governed by the term heredity, and its union and development is constantly modified by its physical environment. The unity formed is morphological and physiological, and not analogous to the unity of the self-conscious mind. It is not necessary to define at length now the conception of the mind, as that has been the subject of past lectures. We have seem that by the mind is understood the subject of a conscious development: which characterizes it as a unity. Being a unity, it has its own peculiar powers, such as self-consciousness, recognitive memory, rational inference, the formation of far-reaching plans, and the choice of ideals." The place of man's mind in Nature, then, is partly determined by the complex relations of personal influences between it and the bodily organism. *Partly* determined —*largely* if you will—but not wholly so; for we have now to consider: 2. The influence of social conditions upon the life and development of the individual mind. The life of the mind begins, indeed, with the existence and direction of the sensory-motor functions of the organism and the corresponding reactions of consciousness. But very early, amongst the distinctions made, this one will be universally applicable distinction becomes most important, viz., the distinction between Selemate and Thing. In the latter class of things that move and grow—and even those that do not—are at first regarded as "other selves." It comes to be that the mental life and development which depend on social relations is not only of increasingly influential, but even indispensable for the attainment of the full Being of a human mind. The development in the life of the new-born child depends on social as much as on physical environment by the principle of the association of ideas and suggestion. The truth of this is seen by the nature of the mental life evolved when all relations to other human beings are removed, as in the case of the wolf-children of India and the wild children of the type that have been found in Europe, in isolation from their fellows. Social environment also is the cause of the predominance of family, and tribal and even national characteristics. It is only the influence of general social environment which makes life for man, and unity in the life of a nation possible. To detect the characteristic influences which affect man's mind we cannot like a physician diagnose, but must pursue an analytical and comparative study of those influences which actually shape the mental development of any individual living in society. Enough has been said to show that the place of man's mind in nature is determined not solely by his physical environment, but also by connection with the social development of the race. We cannot believe, however, that either of these two forms of conditioning environment, or both together, can be considered to include all the influences which determine the place in the large Nature of the finite mind. 3. The self-determination by the mind of its own place in Nature. In speaking of this we do not intend to raise or at least not to discuss the ethical questions of freedom and responsibility. We mean only to assert this, that neither the physical influence due to the mind's relation to the body, nor the more indirect but scarcely less powerful social influences are to be considered as affording an "absolute complete" account of the unique place which each individual mind has in its Nature, as such. Here are two allied classes, of facts first, the career in history of certain marked individual minds. The study of history has quite too much of late borrowed from physics and physiology and psychology false conceptions of "law," and "causation," etc., as appertaining to history. To be sure every individual is as has been said, "the child of his age"; he feels the influences of the *Zeit-geish*. But some individuals indicate what is meant to be the "paramount" or the "progenitors" of the ages following—in their own land and even in other lands later on. And, second, the history of every human mind. Here we must admit—and it is well that it is so—that the mental life and development of the great multitude is largely determined by physical and social environment. But there is always also another side—or at least the truer, the suggestion of another side.

This other side leads us to admit that it is of the very nature of the developing mind to determine itself by continual acceptance, or rejection, or modification, of the influences from its physical and social environment. The history of every mind is self-determining. Also by the character of their choices, by their ideals, shape their own mental life and development. In the close system of society men are placed often times at a disadvantage, and the part which misfortunes determine for themselves is exceedingly small, but it is something. That part is not determined by meat and drink and clothing or social position, but each individual has much to say in determining what he will become; for scientific and philosophical psychology, while they discover and define the mechanism and the laws of the individual mind, do not reduce all the life and development of this mind to the terms of mechanism. In concluding the Lecturer explained that the true study of mankind was to study each man's life, so as to result in moral and practical effect. His system was such and its culmination was in ethics. Philosophy should benefit life and strengthen the best life. Providence puts a premium on brains; therefore, the intellectual or rational should not be under-estimated. Philosophy fits men for conduct, and a high view should be entertained of the possibilities of the soul, as an influence for ennobling, comforting, and bettering of per sleepant and fullest spiritual life.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, in proposing a vote of thanks to Professor Ladd for his course of lectures, said:—It is not my intention to make a set speech. If I had been able to have been present at all the hanest lectures I should have shrunk from any criticism of them, nor do I think criticism is necessary. Your attendance every evening shows your appreciation of the lectures and of Dr. Ladd's kind efforts, yet I should like to say one word, especially to the younger members of the University. We cannot all accept to the Senior Wrangler-like Mr. Paranjpe, yet we can labour to improve our character and conduct, as Dr. Ladd pointed out. As the hour is somewhat late, I at once put forward for your acceptance by acclamation a vote of thanks to Professor Ladd for the course of lectures which he has so kindly given, and may I say on your behalf, that we wish Dr. and Mrs. Ladd a very pleasant stay in India. May they carry back a pleasant recollection of Bombay, its citizens and its University. (Prolonged applause.)

## METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 15th December, 1899.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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| Barometer corrected & dec. Fah. ... | inches 29·937 |
| Temperature of the Air ... | degrees 77·9 |
| Wet Bulb Thermometer ... | 69·1 |
| Dew Point ... | 64·8 |
| Relative humidity of Air ... | 0·645 |
| Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10) ... | 0·0 |
| Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day ... | degrees 84·9 |
| Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.) ... | 70·6 |
| General Directions of wind ... | NE, ENE, NW, NNW. N. |
| Total amount of Wind in 24 hours ... | miles 89 |

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

## HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE PARSONS and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE RANADE.)

AN ORDER MADE WITHOUT JURISDICTION.

BASLINGAPPA BIN DEVAPPA PATEL VS. THE NEW NAZIR OF THE ASSISTANT JUDGE, BIJAPUR, AND ANOTHER.

THIS was an appeal from the order of Mr. B. C. Kennedy, Assistant Judge, Bijapur, in miscellaneous application No. 2 of 1899. The Hon. Mr. Chandavarkar appeared for Baslingappa, original applicant and appellant; and Mr. V. R. Jogiekar appeared for the Nazir and another, original opponents and respondents.

Mr. Justice Parsons, in giving the decision of the court, said: This is a further stage of the case that we disposed of in 1896. See Lingangowda vs. Gangabai (P.J. for 1896 p. 521.) It appears now that Baslingappa having attained majority has asked the Judge for his property; and the Judge has passed the following order:—"The Nazir, Mr. Shevde as guardian of the property of the minor Baslingappa bin Devappa, is authorized to pass a bond to himself as guardian of the property of the minor Devappa bin Gurlingappa, mortgaging such of the former's land as he thinks reasonable for the due security of the above debt of Rs. 1,220. He should present a draft of the mortgage-deed and should execute the final bond after the draft is approved of. After the deed is executed and registered, the Nazir should hand over all the property belonging to the minor Baslingappa to Devappa to him except the mortgaged lands which he should hold in terms of the mortgage-deed till the debt is paid off." Baslingappa has appealed from that order on the grounds, "(1) that it is contrary to law (2) the whole estate being the joint estate of the appellant and Devappa, the Lower Court ought to have restored it to the former without any conditions or restrictions, and (3) the Lower Court's order is illegal, inasmuch as the directions made refer to the joint estate of an undivided Hindu family." The points for our decision are:—1. Whether the order is legal and made with jurisdiction? 2. Whether an appeal lies from the order, and if not, to what relief, if any, is appellant entitled? Our decision is as follows:—The order is clearly illegal and made without jurisdiction. The power of the guardian ceased upon the ward Baslingappa ceasing to be a minor. After that event the guardian would no longer have any disposing power over the estate of the latter, and the direction that he should mortgage a portion of it to himself is *ultra vires*. A mortgage so effected would be void and of no effect. The further direction that the *guardian* guardian should hold the lands so mortgaged till the debt is paid off is equally *ultra vires*. The Guardians and Wards Act, Sec. ion 41, Cl. (3), gives the Court power to require a guardian, whose powers have ceased, to deliver property in his possession or control belonging to the ward. The power to make such an order may be taken to include the power to refuse to make any such order, but the Clause nowhere gives the Court power to direct that the guardian shall retain a portion of such property. No appeal is provided by the Act against the order passed under Clause (3) of Section 41 either requiring delivery of property or refusing to require delivery. In the case of an order requiring delivery, the mode in which it is to be enforced is laid down in Section 46, and an appeal is provided against that by Section 47 (j). In the case, however, of refusal to require delievery, the order is made final except as provided by Section 48. Under that Section we are given power to interfere under our extraordinary jurisdiction, and we can, therefore, annul the present order directing the execution of a mortgage and the retention of certain property by the Nazir as guardian as made without juri-diction. We cannot, however, go further and order the appellant's property to be restored to him still less can we do what he now asks, namely, order that the whole estate of the appellant and of Devappa be delivered to him. The latter is a request which he never made to the District Court. He asked that Court for his property only, and we must take it that in effect that Court refused to give it to him, holding that before he could get it there were certain equities to be settled between him and Devappa. That would be an order against which no appeal is provided and as such, it would be one passed with jurisdiction it could not be interfered with by this Court. The appellant's remedy against the refusal would not be by appeal or application to this Court, but by a regular suit, and it is to that mode of relief that we must refer him, if, on further application to the Nazir or to the District Judge, he is unable to get the property to which he lays claim. It will be sufficient now that we quash the order made by the P. P. Assistant Judge.

## THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON SATURDAY, THE 16TH OF DECEMBER, 1899.

SUMMARY.

There has been a brisk rise of pressure at Lahore and Sirsa, and a slight rise or fall elsewhere. Readings are highest in Rajputana and lowest in the extreme south. Gradients are moderate to slight.

Winds are north-easterly to south-easterly at most of the reporting stations, and the force has been fresh to light.

There are no important changes reported in either the day or night temperature. The highest temperature in the shade was 98° at Surat and the lowest 39° at Lahore.

Humidity changes are unimportant, and the skies are partially cloudy at Sawpore and Jeypore.

No rain fell at any of the reporting stations.

The weather is generally fine and settled all over the country.

G. L. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

(BY TELEGRAPH).

SIMLA, DEC. 16.

Saturday: Pressure has been steady except in Baluchistan and North-West India, where it has risen slightly or very rapidly. The largest rise has occurred in Punjab. A very light fall of snow is reported from Murree, and light snow has fallen on hills north of Simla, down to above 10 000 feet; no precipitation has been reported from other parts of the country. Clear skies and fine weather now prevails in the North-West India and conditions are unchanged in south of Peninsula. Mean temperature continues in defect in Burma, Assam, Bengal, Orissa, Behar, Mysore, Madras Coast and South India, and averages from 5 to 7 degrees in excess in Rajputana Gujarat, Central India Central Provinces and Berar. Temperature has fallen rapidly in Baluchistan and Upper India hill districts.

## THE BAGHDAD RAILWAY.

A TELEGRAM received in Berlin from Constantinople states that it was resolved, at a special meeting of the Ministerial Council, to grant the concession for the Baghdad railway to the German financial group. The Sultan subsequently signed an Irade by which the Anatolian Railway Company is authorised to construct under State guarantee, a line from Konieh to Basra, passing through Baghdad. A preliminary contract will first be concluded, to be replaced by a final treaty when the commission of investigation sent out by the German financial group has made its report. The company pledges itself to complete the railway within eight years. The "National Zeitung" regards this decision as a great success for German enterprise and German capital. The *Times* correspondent at Constantinople telegraphed on Nov. 28:—The Irade issued yesterday bestowing the concession for the Anatolian railway extension from Konieh to Basra on the Deutsche Bank Syndicate is the outcome of Baron Marschall von Bieberstein's audience of the Sultan last Friday.

Referring to the news that the concession for the Baghdad railway has been given to the Deutsche Bank the *News Weiner Tagblatt* remarks that:—

The management of that establishment, supported by German diplomacy, has scored an important success. It must have made a strong impression in London as well as in Paris and St. Petersburg, both on political and on commercial grounds. The railroad to Baghdad connects one of the most fertile parts of Asia with the traffic of the world, and will bring Persia and the country bordering on the Persian Gulf within nearer reach of German enterprise. The French Ambassador at Constantinople had for some time been trying to secure the participation of French capital in the undertaking. Considering its proportions, it is not impossible that French and English capital may be accepted, but the management will in any case remain exclusively in the hands of the Deutsche Bank.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 30 (*Times*).—To-day's *Novoe Vremya* has an article on the Turkish concession to Germans for constructing a railway through Baghdad to Basra, in which it refers to the guarantee given by the Turkish Government as likely to clash with that given to Russia for payment of the military contribution, as the latter security consists in certain taxes on ships in the district through which the projected German railway will run for about 340 miles. According to its London correspondent, the *Novoe Vremya* regards this concession as a confirmation of an unverified report that an important agreement has been concluded between England and Germany by which the former is to have a free hand in Africa and the latter in Asia Minor.


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Dearling, Miss
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Goodwin, Miss
Gantt, Mr
Graves, Miss
Greer, Capt
Gloves, Mrs
Hollah, Mr
Hickman, Mrs
Holmes, Mr
Heap, Mr
Jack, Mr
Jones, Mrs and child
Kent, Mr
Leslie, Lt
Lelly, Mrs
Major, Miss
Millard, Miss
Millard, Master
Munson, Mr and inft
McKenzie, Mrs and inft
Menzies, Mr and Mrs
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Russell, Mrs
Royce, Miss
Stubbs, Miss
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Baker, Mr
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Jones, Mr
Knight, Mr
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A new feature, as will be seen in the present issue of the Catalogue, is that we have included all the different lines of business which we undertake in one and the same cover, whereas in former years they were printed in separate handbooks, leaflets, &c., necessitating a deal of needless repetition.

It has, therefore, been our endeavour to spare the public the tediousness of the task of looking through a number of separate prints for what they require, by compiling the present issue in as concise and handy a form as possible, adding to it an Index—a feature that was not possible to introduce in the former erratic sort of publications.

Of course, we are sensible of many defects in this our first venture: the principal one being the impossibility to embody in a trade catalogue a complete list of our stock of Engravings. We would, therefore, request those seeking any known engraving not enumerated herein to communicate with us.

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THE B I S N Co's s s Indula, 2,180 tons, Captain W L Sewart R N R, arrived in harbour on Saturday, from Rangoon, 6th December, with a cargo of rice.

THE B I S N Co's s s, Nowshera, 1 961 tons, Captain J Stone, sailed on Saturday last, for Zanzibar, etc., with a general cargo, Mrs Gribling, three children and one deck passenger.

THE following is the list of passengers per Italian steamer R. Rubattino Captain A. Saporeo arrived yesterday from Genoa:—Mr and Mrs Prier De Sazne Miss Prier De Sazne and child, Mr Marinori, Mr Colonello Salvatore, Mr and Mrs Waldgrane, Miss Waldgrane and European Nurse, Mr Stewart, and Mr Costa Preira and 12 deck.

THE B I S N Co's s s. Dumra, 772 tons, Captain E C Russell, sailed on Saturday last, for Karachi with a general cargo, and the following passengers:—Mrs Whitson, Assist-Surg H Curry, Mrs Maidlow, Miss Bayley, Miss Southwell Piper, Mr R H J Rustomjee, Mr M Mouradin, Captain and Mrs Donovan, Mr G T Wale, Captain Lewis, Mr and Mrs J Mohany, Mr H M Pearson, Mr H Buth and 40 deck.

THE B I S. N. Co.'s s.s. Kola, 497 tons, Captain J A. Robert on, arrived in harbour, on Saturday, from Karachi, 14th inst., with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Lieu-General Low and staff Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart, Lieutenant Bond, Lieutenant Mair, Captain Cartwright Mr. Nilkant, Mr. and Mrs Jackson Lieutenant Mitchell, Major-General Hogg Major Cunliffe, Mrs and 2 Misses Hughes, Mr P. Hoskes, 3 clerks, and 59 deck.

THE B I S N Co's s s Chupra, 1,436 tons, Captain J F Crusoe, arrived in harbour on Saturday, from Moulmein 3rd December, with a cargo of rice and timber. During the voyage she experienced a strong N. E. monsoon in Bay of Bengal about 250 miles east of Ceylon. On the 8th instant she met with a cyclone travelling to the North and West. She met with a notherly gale in the Gulf of Manar and fine weather with light winds along the west Coast of India.

THE following is the list of passengers per Austrian Lloyd's s.s. Trieste, Capt. A. Mitis, expected here this morning from Trieste and Venice:—Mr and Mrs G R Fox, Mr and Mrs F Schmid, Mrs Hanna, Mrs A M Weir, Mrs Battersby, Mrs Scott, Miss A Potter, Miss Nugent, Miss M Huma, Miss H Holmgreen, Miss E B Fowler, Miss A Anderson, Miss A H Irwin, Miss Mackernott, Miss M Zimmermann, Rev J W Bisset, Rev Kershaw, Rev Nicholson, Rev A Jacobson, Rev P J Kidifer, Rev A Gandon, Rev Clement, Mr C Boomer, Mr A Rogers, Mr C L Weber, Mr R Vogt, Mr E Janecka, Mr G E Chadfield, Mr J S Ifelhagen, Mr F Sagmeister and Mr A Hildmann.

### VESSELS IN DOCKS.—DECEMBER 16.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

| Shed | Vessels. | Tons. | Capt. | Destination. | Date. | Agents. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| B | Ulan Macdonald | 3112 | Harrison | ..... | N F | ...F Muir & Co |
| G | Nasturi | ...1163 | Hare m... | Singapore | 23-11 | B S N Co |
| L | Indravati | ..... | M3 | Aden | ...Karachi | ...12 Shprd & Co |
| M | Arethusa sp | ....1198 | Wilson | ...Calcutta | ...W & A G & Co | |
| O | Mutlera | ....2983 | Macintyre | ..... | ..... | M M & Co |
| Q | Pemba | ..... | 987 | Martyr | ...P Gulf | ..... M M & Co |
| R | Mohamadadi | ....1252 | Griffin | ...P Gulf | ...26-12 | B & P S N Co |

HARBOUR WALL.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kaveri | ..... | 553 | Ahamed | ...Bhavnagar | 16-12 Shprd & Co |

VICTORIA DOCK.

| Shed | Vessels. | Tns. | Capt. | Destination. | Date | Agents. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Britannia | .....1946 | Turner | ...Lpool | ...15-12 | W & A G & Co |
| 3 | Gazeedon | .....2385 | Parker | ..... | K F | ...W & A G & Co |
| 6 | Oriental | .....3935 | Jephson | ...Aden | ...6-1-1900 | P & O Co |
| 7 | Shannon | .....2480 | Wibner | ...Aden | .....22-12 | P & O Co |

MERREWETHER DRY DOCK.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sabrmati | ..... | 891 | Fukesra | ...M Gos | ...16-12 Shprd & Co |
| Shastri | ..... | 91 | M Kamal | ...Harbour | 1-12 do |

*Probable date of departure.

Time Ball from the Flagstaff on Prince's Dock at Noon, or Greenwich meantime, 7h. 8m. 47·2s.

The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle continues to be dropped regularly at 1 p.m. of Colaba mean time, or 8h. 8m. 14·9s of Greenwich meantime.

### VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—DEC. 16.

| Vessels. | Tons. | Capt. | Destination. | Date. | Agents. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sutlej | ..... | Weston | ..... | ..... | P & O Co |
| Unity | ..... | 936 | Hanson | ..... | Bombay Co |
| Boodana | ..... | 3143 | Croft | ..... | M M & Co |
| Bengal | ..... | 163 | ..... | Portuguese Gun-boat | ..... | ..... |
| Chusan | ..... | 2532 | Street | ..... | P & O Co |
| Ferrier | ..... | 1608 | Campbell | ..... | R S & Co |
| Ugada | ..... | 3459 | Black | ..... | M M & Co |
| Nizam | ..... | 2341 | Kilpatrick | Calcutta | F Morrison & Co |
| H M S Lapwing | ..... | Lambert | ..... | ..... | Royal Navy |
| Investigator | ..... | Heming | ..... | ..... | R I M S |
| H M S Record | ..... | He | ..... | ..... | Royal Navy |
| P Stewart | ..... | Tindall | ..... | ..... | I G T S |
| Nairang | ..... | 2041 | Bullock | ..... | T Morrison and Co |
| H M S Pomone | ..... | 24 | guns | ..... | Royal Navy |
| Chupra | ..... | 1436 | Crusoe | ..... | M M & Co |
| Lindula | ..... | 2180 | Stewart | ..... | M M & Co |
| Kola | ..... | 497 | Robertson | ..... | M M & Co |
| Patiala | ..... | 1923 | Phillips | ..... | M M & Co |
| Dalhousie | ..... | ..... | Warden | ..... | I Marine |

### ARRIVALS

| Dec. | Vessel. | Commander | From. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | Dhupra s | Truess | Moulmein, Dec 3. |
| | Lindula s | Stewart | Rangoon, Dec 6. |
| | Kola s | Robertson | Karachi, Dec 14. |
| | Patiala s | Phillips | Aden, Nov 30. |
| | H I M S Dalhousie | Warden | Rangoon, Dec 6. |
| | Valetta s | Pillard | London, Nov 21 |
| | Wagner s | Gibson | Aden, Dec 9 |
| 17 | Muse Maru s | Kawamura | Yokohama, Nov 14 |

### DEPARTURES.

| Dec. | Vessel. | Commander. | Destination. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Hindzada s | Moore | Calcutta, &c. |
| | Nerite s | Daniel | Genoa, &c. |
| | Britannia s | Turner | Liverpool, &c. |
| | Haddon Hall s | Hood | Liverpool, &c. |
| | Dumra s | Russell | Karachi. |
| | Caledonia s | Jordon | London. |
| | Nowshera s | Stone | Zanzibar, &c. |
| | Upada s | Jousson | Calcutta. |
| 17 | H M S Racoon | Hewett | Trincomalee. |

The following vessels entered for loading on Saturday:—
Steamer Lindula, for Calcutta, &c.
" Nadiri, for Singapore, &c.
" Clan Macdonald, for London, &c.

### BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay 18th December, 1899.

1. Capt T W Cuffe having proceeded on leave for six weeks Lieut G W Moir will take Command of the Corps during his absence.

2. The Squadron will parade at the Riding School on Tuesday the 19th instant, at 7 a.m. Dress—Drill Order.

3. There will be Drill on the Varsova Sands for the Bandora Detachment on Tuesday 19th instant, at 6-45 a.m. Dress—Drill order.

4. Promotions Lce Corpl G Service, T L Roberts, J F Rome and Trooper H E E Procter to be Corporals from this date to complete establishment.

5. Mr William Guise Tucker and David Sassoon having joined are taken on the strength of the Corps and posted to A Troop.

G. W. MOIR, Lieut.,
Commanding B. L. H.

### BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 18th December, 1899.

1. The Drills, &c., for the week will be as follows:—
(1) "F" Company at 8-45 p.m. to-day (Monday) the 18th instant at St. Mary's College, Nesbit Road.
(2) "E" Company at 8-45 p.m. on Wednesday the 20th instant behind the Town Hall.
(3) Recruits Drills:—Behind the Town Hall every evening except Saturday, at 5-45 p.m.

BATTALION PARADE.

2. The Battalion will parade on Thursday morning next the 21st instant, at 6-45 a.m., for Commanding Officer's Parade. Place to be notified hereafter.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Capt.,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

### BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR W. G. WILSON, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 18th December, 1899.

1. Orderly Sergts for the week:—
No 1 Company Sergt. W. Harvey
No. 2 Company Sergt. W. F. Zarhorst

2. The following drills will take place next week:—
No 1 Co (Town Hall Comcound) Tuesday and Thursday at 8-45 p.m., 10 in R M L Gun Drill.
No. 2 Co (Nesbit Road Headquarters) Tuesday and Thursday at 8-45 p.m., 10 in R M L Gun Drill.

3. There will be class Firing at Cooria on Wednesday next. Train leaves Victoria Terminus at 6 a.m., (local Time) and Byculla 12 minutes later.

4. The following member having joined has been taken on the strength of the Corps and posted to No 3 Sub-division No 1 Company:—No. 680 J Walsh.

5. There will be no practice on Saturday's the 23rd and 30th instants.

6. Sergt. H. G. Hyde reverts to the rank of Corporal at his own request.

7. The following promotion will take place in No. 1 Company Corpl C F Spencer to be Sergt vice Hyde reverted.

By Order,
A. J. PEILE, Captain, R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

NOTICE.

It is proposed to give a Children's Party in January. There will be a General Meeting of ladies at the Corps Club, Apollo Bunder to-day (Monday), at 6-30 p.m., to appoint a Committee and make preliminary arrangements.

DANCE.—Members are informed that no Tickets for the Dance on the 30th instant, will be issued after to-morrow, Tuesday the 19th instant.

### BANK OF BENGAL.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending 13th December, as compared with the statement of 5th December, 1899:—

| | December 5. Rs. | A. | P. | December 12. Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LIABILITIES. | | | | | | |
| Capital paid-up | 2,00,00,000 | 0 | 0 | 2,00,00,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserve Fund | 95,00,000 | 0 | 0 | 95,00,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Public Deposits, &c. | 1,80,53,406 | 10 | 8 | 1,16,84,381 | 3 | 3 |
| Other Deposits, &c. | 6,04,49,855 | 9 | 8 | 5,53,95,454 | 0 | 1 |
| Bank Post Bills, &c. | 1,42,310 | 5 | 4 | 1,17,323 | 11 | 4 |
| Sundries | 28,30,353 | 14 | 11 | 28,99,035 | 11 | 0 |
| | 10,23,67,036 | 8 | 4 | 9,95,97,365 | 12 | 8 |
| ASSETS. | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. |
| Government Securities | 41,32,723 | 0 | 0 | 33,68,232 | 0 | 0 |
| Other authorised Investments, | 81,77,103 | 0 | 0 | 81,36,583 | 0 | 0 |
| Loans on Govt. and other authorised Securities | 2,14,62,106 | 4 | 8 | 2,11,98,424 | 4 | 3 |
| Accounts of Credit do. | 2,47,14,37 | 14 | 7 | 2,15,01,693 | 7 | 6 |
| Bills discounted, &c. | 1,36,61,28 | 1 | 3 | 1,36,04,264 | 15 | 9 |
| Balances with other Banks. | 9,92,71 | 11 | 5 | 12,25,814 | 2 | 7 |
| Bullion | 4,814 | 2 | 7 | 4,843 | 10 | 7 |
| Head Stock | 1,36,761 | 11 | 4 | 13,32,872 | 1 | 2 |
| Stamps | 9,017 | 6 | 1 | 8,160 | 2 | 10 |
| Sundries | 16,30,04 | 12 | 8 | 16,28,730 | 12 | 4 |
| Cash, &c., at Head Office | 1,23,56,719 | 9 | 5 | 1,16,72,115 | 4 | 10 |
| Do. at Branches | 1,70,30,018 | 14 | 5 | 1,85,76,047 | 1 | 10 |
| Rs. | 10,23,67,036 | 8 | 4 | 9,95,97,365 | 12 | 8 |
| LIABILITIES. | Rs. | | | | | |
| Government Balance at Head Office | 15,78,962 | Dec. | | | | |
| Do. at Branches | 2,08,874 | Inc. | | | | |
| Other Deposits | 14,58,371 | Dec. | | | | |
| Post Bills | 23,787 | Dec. | | | | |
| ASSETS. | | | | | | |
| Bank's Investments | 2,58,021 | Dec. | | | | |
| Loans | 2,55,652 | Dec. | | | | |
| Accounts of Credit | 5,12,338 | Dec. | | | | |
| Mercantile Bills | 2,50,884 | Dec. | | | | |
| Cash at Head Office | 2,16,404 | Inc. | | | | |
| Do. at Branches | 11,58,871 | Dec. | | | | |

## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 16.

THERE was an advance in Consols yesterday of 1-16 per cent to 102 1-16. French Rentes declined 1-4 per cent. to 101 1-2; and Paris Exchange on London 1-2 centime, to 25·32 fcs. Indian Sterling Loan remained at 109, and 3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Securities at £63 7 8. Exchange on India at 30 days', sight continued at 1s 3 7-8d. Discount on short London Bills at 3 months' sight was quoted at 6 1-2 per cent. and on 6 months' sight Indian Bank Bills at 5 5 8 per cent. Bar Silver was unchanged at 27 3 8d. per oz., and also in New York at 59 1-8 cents per oz., with demand Exchange on London 1-8 cent. higher, at 4 87 3-4 dollars. About £175,000 in Gold was paid into the Bank of England. Brazilers' Copper was quoted at £83; and Yellow Metal at 6 13-16. The shipments of Specie comprised £10,000 in Silver and £20,000 in gold to Bombay; and £14,000 in silver to Hongkong.

Consols dropped to-day in London to the extent of 13-16 per cent., to 100 7-8. For French Rentes 99 ex was quoted; and Paris Exchange on London was 1 centime higher, at 25·33 fcs. Indian Sterling Loan declined 1 per cent., to 108; and Rupee Securities 3 8 per cent., to £63 1-2. Exchange on India at 30 days' sight was without alteration, at 1s. 3 7-8d. Rates of discount were given at 6 1-2 per cent. for short London Bills at 3 months' sight, and at 5 3-8 per cent., on 6 months' sight Indian Bank Bills. Bar Silver was 1-16d., dearer, at 27 7-16d. per oz.; but in New York the metal was unchanged in price, at 59 1-8 cents per oz., demand Exchange on London being still quoted at 4 87 3-4 dollars. Some £75,000 in gold was paid into the Bank of England.

An extra allotment of Telegraphic Transfers was made to-day of Rs. 5,03,000 on Bombay, at 1s. 4 5-32d.

For Gazerat Yellow Rapeseed the quotation yesterday was 40 3-4s. per 416 lbs, December, January shipment, to Havre, buyers via the Canal, market firm; for Brown Rapeseed, 37 3-8s. December-January shipment, to Havre, business done via the Canal, in a firm market. To-day 40 1-2s. was quoted for Gazerat Yellow Rapeseed, December-January shipment, to Dunkirk, sellers via the Canal, tone of the market easier; and 39 3-8s. for Cawnpore Yellow Rapeseed, same shipment, to Havre, sellers via the Canal, market easier in tone.

In Liverpool the Cotton market closed firm yesterday, Surats dull, Arrivals steady, Spot Mid-Americans advanced 1 32d. to 4 3-8d. per lbs.; and Amerjean arrivals were higher to a like extent, extreme quotations being 4 7-32d. for December, and 4 5-64d. for April-May delivery. The day's sails were 10,000 bales, and the Imports, 1,000 bales. The Manchester Market closed firm.

There was no change to-day in spot prices in the Liverpool Cotton Market; but in American Arrivals there was a decline of 1 64 to 1-32d., extreme quotations being 4 3-16d. for Delivery, and 4 1-16d. for April-May. The day's sales were 7,000 bales, and the Imports 2,000 bales. The market closed quiet, Surats quiet, Arrivals steady. The Manchester Market was firm. The total sales in Liverpool during the week ending yesterday were 62,000 bales; and the amount forwarded to consumers was 81,000 bales. The week's Imports were 710,000 bales; and the total Stock stood at 725,000 bales.

Ready Mid-Uplands Cotton was unchanged in New York yesterday, at 7 11-16 cents per lb.; Futures advanced 1 point, to 7·46 and 7 51 cents per lb. for March and June, respectively. The Receipts at the U. S. Ports were 33,000 bales.

There was again no change to-day in Ready Mid.-Uplands in New York, 7 11-16 cents being still quoted. March Futures declined 8 points, to 7·38 cents, and June 7 points, to 7 44 cents. The Receipts at the Ports were 32,000 bales. The total quantity of Cotton in sight yesterday was 5,210,000 bales, compared with 4,880,000 bales at the end of the previous week.

Our local Cotton Market has been steady in tone to-day, with a small business passing, and that only on account of the mills, the purchases being 800 bales Bengal, at Rs. 175 to Rs. 180 per candy; 200 Khangaum, at Rs. 193, 300 Kandwa; at Rs. 200, 400 Bengal at Rs. 181 to Rs. 182 1-4. Prices for forward delivery were quoted at Rs. 214 per candy for "Good" Broach, March delivery; Rs. 189 for "Fully Good" Bengal, for January; Rs. 197 for "Good" Bhownagger, for May.

WHEAT.—The market is quiet in tone; there is a small business doing, with prices quoted as follows:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| White Pessy, 91 per cent | Rs. | 33-0-0 per candy. |
| Do. 85 per cent. | " | 34-0-0 " |
| No. 1 Club Delhi | " | 4-14-0 per cwt. |
| Red Delhi | " | 4-12-0 " |
| Hard Yellow | Rs. 35 to " | 42-0-0 per candy. |
| Red Ahmedabad | " | 36-0-0 " |
| Hard Red | " | 35-0-0 " |

SEEDS.—Prices are steady, in a quiet market, at the following level:—

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Linseed | Rs. | 8 | 3 0 | per cwt. |
| Rapeseed, Yellow Gujerat | " | 6 | 14 0 | " |
| Do. Cawnpore | " | 6 | 8 0 | " |
| Gingelly, White | " | 6 | 4 0 | " |
| Do. Mixed | " | 5 | 36 0 | " |

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay yesterday were as follows:—

FREIGHTS.—Are quiet, and without change.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cotton | 5,498 | bales. |
| Wheat | 2,937 | cwts. |
| Linseed | 1,115 | " |
| Gingellyseed | 11,503 | " |
| Rice | 46,665 | " |

Freights are quiet and without change.

EXCHANGE opened firm in tone to-day at 1s. 4 1-16 to 3-32d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4-32d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 7-16d. for three months' sight Credits. The market rate of discount being again reported higher, there was but little business done, and rates closed as follows:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bank Bills on Demand | 1s. 4 3-32d. | per Rupee. |
| Do. Telegraphic | 1s. 4 1-16 to 3-16d. | " |
| Credits 3 months' Sight | 1s. 4 7-16d. | " |
| Francs | 172 1-2 | " |

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—The news from South Africa regarding General Buller's defeat has produced a weak feeling in this market, and rates at once fell to 96 1-8 for both cash and the settlement, for 3 1-2 per cents.

SHARES.—The market is quiet with no business to speak or passing, and prices are generally unchanged. Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation are Rs. 100 lower, in the first issue, and Rs. 50 in the second.

THE telegrams received on Saturday morning quoted securities.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 3-4 per cent. Consols | £101 1-16 | 1-16 higher |
| 3 per cent. French Rentes | 100 1-2 | 1-4 lower. |
| 3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan | £103, | unchanged. |
| 3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Paper | 103 7-8 | " |
| Bar Silver | 27 3-8 | " |
| Exchange on London at Paris, | 25·32 | " |

A sum of about £175,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

A rise of 1-2 and 1-4 per cent is reported in the discount rates for Short London Bills and 6 Months' Sight Indian Bank Bills, which now are 6 1-2 and 5 5-8 per cent., respectively.

Specie shipments were made as below:—

| | |
|---|---|
| Silver to Bombay | £90,000 |
| Gold to Bombay | £20,000 |
| Silver Hongkong | £44,000 |

COTTON.—Midling Americans at Liverpool advanced 1 32. The market remained firm and closed at 4 12-32. 10,000 bales were sold. Manchester was also firm. Surats dull. Manchester was firm. Sales on spec. 1,000 bales; imports 1,000 bales. Arrivals were 1-32 higher all round and are quoted:—

| Dec. | Dec.-Jan. | Jan.-Feb. | Mar.-Apl. | Apl.-May |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4·14 | 4·12 | 4·10 | 4·7 | 4·5 |

"A rise of only one point is reported in New York Futures, which now are 7·46 for March and 7·51 for June, whilst Ready Mid.-Uplands remained unchanged at 7 11-16. The receipts at the U. S. Ports were 33,000 bales as compared with 50,000 bales last year.

Silver 59 1-8, unchanged.
Exchange on London 4·87 3-4.

The total week's receipts and stocks are given below:—

| | 1899. | 1898. |
|---|---|---|
| Week's Receipts at the U. S. Ports | 229 000 | 327,000 |
| Stock at the U. S. Ports | 1,100,000 | 1 330,000 |
| " Interior Towns | 770,000 | 690,000 |
| " Liverpool | 725 000 | 1.58,000 |

LOCAL MARKET.—As the Japan houses and millls were for buying, the prices of ready cotton was quoted on Saturday at Re. 1 per candy higher.

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—On Saturday the opening Bazar was steady and business was done at 96 5-16 but as soon as the news of General Buller's defeat was published the rates began to fall and touched 96. But as Calcutta largely bought through the Banks, the Bazaar recovered and closed at 96'5. But business was not transacted in the evening. The consols fell in London by 1 1-4 per cent. and the Government paper was lower by six annas on Saturday evening which accounted for the fall in the Bombay market.

According to a London telegram the Consols which were quoted at 102 on Friday fell to 101 on Saturday morning and at the closing time they rate were 100 3-4. The Government paper 3-1-2 paper which was quoted at 63-7-8 on Friday fell to 63-1-2 on Saturday.

### FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom and Europe by the 24 hours ending at 3 p.m., of the 17th December, 1899.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

| Via. | Latest Dates. D. | H. | M. | Time occupied in transmission. Hours. | Minutes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Turkey | 17 | — | — | ... | 30 |
| Teheran | 17 | 1 | 40 p.m. | ... | 7 |
| Suez | 17 | 2 | 50 p.m. | ... | 7 |

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m., of the 17th December, 1899.

| | Maximum Time. H. | M. | Minimum Time. H. | M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| From Calcutta | 1 | 27 | ... | 1 |
| " Karachi | ... | 27 | ... | 5 |
| " Madras | ... | 29 | ... | 1 |

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EUROPE.

DEATHS.

TREVOR—November 24, C B Trevor, late Bengal Civil Service, and for merly judge of High Court, Calcutta, Sussex pl. 87.
WITHERS—November 30, Col J Withers, J P, D L, Indian Army (ret), Briery Close, Westmorland, 58.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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GENERAL BULLER'S disastrous repulse at Colenso in his first encounter with the enemy illustrates the adage that it is only the unexpected that happens. Sir George White recently, when addressing some of the garrison at Ladysmith, told them that in a few days they would see Sir Redvers Buller in their midst. The whole army and the British public were confident that when he advanced he would deal the Boers smashing blows that would deliver Natal from their presence. No one dreamed that the Commander in-Chief would experience the greatest defeat of the campaign, and lose over a thousand men and ten guns, without making any impression on the enemy. Yet that is precisely what has happened. What is more, the discomfiture was incurred by precisely the same military indiscretion that cost General Gatacre and Lord Methuen so dear within the last ten days. The attack was delivered without any attempt to ascertain the exact position or the real strength of the Boers. The whole of the artillery was moved to the bank of the river, the bed of which was swarming with Boer marksmen, who at once put every gun out of action by simply shooting, first all the horses, and then the gunners. Of the twelve guns ten were lost by an act of infatuation for which it would be unfair to hold the General responsible, but which he ought to have rendered impossible. Our London correspondent wired to us on Saturday Sir Redvers Buller's despatch, issued by the War Office at midnight on Friday. It begins by acknowledging the severity of the reverse, and then gives in clear detail how it came about. His force moved in full strength at four o'clock on Friday morning from the camp at Chievely with the intention of forcing the passage of the Tugela at Colenso. It should be mentioned that on the previous evening the outworks of Colenso had been bombarded, and that the Boer artillery made no reply. The silence ominously resembled that which had been observed by the Boers on other occasions, when they desired to convey the impression that their strength was unequal to a conflict, or that the position was evacuated. It was evidently the intention of General Buller to surprise the unprepared enemy before daybreak. There are two fords or drifts just there at the Tugela, and General Hildyard was directed to take his Brigade over that on the right, while General Hildyard was to cross with his Brigade by the drift on the right. General Lyttleton—formerly so familiar a figure in Bombay and Poona—was placed with his Brigade in the centre to lend a hand to Hart or Hildyard according to their needs. General Hart's attack failed. He was unable to force the passage, and early in the day the Commander-in-Chief directed him to retire. But this was not easy of accomplishment, for General Hart having "attacked with great gallantry" which may be read, with too much impetuosity, could not easily disengage his leading battalion, the Connaught Rangers, who suffered heavily, Colonel Brooke, the Commander of that regiment, being severely wounded.

It was then General Hildyard's turn to advance, and his leading regiment, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station, and the houses near the bridge. These buildings are on the right bank of the river, and their occupation does not imply that General Hildyard succeeded in getting his Brigade across the Tugela. Such was the situation when the General heard—what must have been to him the appalling news—that the whole of the artillery he had sent to support Hildyard's Brigade, namely, the 14th and 16th field batteries, with six naval 12-pounders, under the command of Colonel Long, were out of action. The Colonel, incredible as it may seem, had advanced close to the river bank "desiring to get within effective range of the enemy's position." The further bank and part of the bed of the river above water-mark proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly opened a murderous fire, killing all the horses, and the gunners, for their horses being killed, they were compelled to stand to their guns. Some wagon-teams were successful in getting away and finding shelter. The infantry made desperate efforts to recover and bring away the field-guns, but only two were saved by Captain Schofield and some drivers. Another brave attempt was made by an officer, whose name will be mentioned in the next despatch, to recover another gun, but when thirteen horses out of eighteen were killed, and several drivers wounded, General Buller wisely ordered him to withdraw. The gallant attempt of General Hildyard's Brigade to force the passage without the help of the artillery was a useless sacrifice of life and General Buller ordered the troops to retire, which they did in good order. A considerable force of the enemy on the right bank of the river pressed on General Buller's flank during the day; they were kept at bay by Lord Dundonald's mounted infantry and a part of General Barton's Brigade. These operations must have lasted several hours, for the Commander-in-Chief mentions that the day was intensely hot and most trying to the troops. It is well to remember that it is now fierce mid-summer in South Africa. Of the ten guns which were abandoned, one was destroyed by shells. Colonel Long, who was in command of the three batteries, has the reputation of being the ablest artillery officer in the service. He commanded the artillery at Omdurman and enjoys the fullest confidence of the War Office. The losses of General Hart's brigade, which suffered severely from the enemy's shells as well as from rifle-fire, were very heavy. So far as is known, the British losses were seven officers, and eighty-five men killed, the wounded 667 and the missing 348. The latter are, no doubt, prisoners in the hands of the Boers. The total amounts to 1,107, the heaviest loss incurred in any engagement in the South African War. The frontal attack at Colenso failed disastrously, as has hitherto been the rule with nearly all similar attacks. It was not unreasonably expected that the Commander-in-Chief, instructed by the experience of other officers, would have devised other means of disembarrassing himself of an enemy strongly entrenched behind an impassable river. But it was not to be.

That the drifts were impassable in the face of an entrenched enemy is proved by what happened. General Hart was unable to force the passage of the left drift, even while supported by the fire of eighteen guns. General Hildyard only succeeded in occupying the railway station and the buildings near it when the inexplicable manœuvre of delivering the batteries into the hands of the enemy, put an end to further efforts to force the passage. There seems no reason to suppose that General Hildyard would, in any event, have been more successful on the right than General Hart was on the left. The whole fire of the enemy would have been concentrated on his column and the result in such a case could not have been doubtful. The Artillery lost two officers killed, six wounded, and five prisoners, besides one missing. Among the wounded is Colonel Long. It was altogether a most disastrous day. The despatch, describing it, ends with the significant words: "I have retired to our camp at Chievely." The first attempt to relieve Ladysmith has failed and for the moment the operations with that end in view are suspended. We may expect that the Boers, elated by their victory, will renew their efforts to render Sir George White's position untenable. We can only hope that the supply of provisions and ammunition, that were running short a month since, will be sufficient to enable the garrison to hold out until the Commander-in-Chief's losses are made good, and he can advance again to its relief. It is probable that the six naval guns mentioned in the despatch are still intact. As their range was considerably greater than that of the Field Artillery, they were doubtless halted further back and did not reach the river-bank. There are no naval officers in the list of killed, wounded, or missing. The War Office has announced that arrangements are being made to expedite the despatch of the Seventh Division to South Africa, and to make good our losses

# TELEGRAMS.

## THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

## DISASTROUS DEFEAT OF GENERAL BULLER.

## LOSS OF TEN GUNS.

## RETREATS TO HIS CAMP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 16, 1-40 A.M.

The following official despatch was issued from the War Office at 12-30 this morning, received from General Buller, under date Friday, 6-20 p.m. :—

"I regret to report serious reverse. I moved in full strength from the Camp near Chievely, at 4 o'clock this morning. There are two fordable places in the Tugela. My intention was to force the passage at one or the other with one Brigade supported by the Central Brigade.

"General Hart was to attack by the left drift, General Hildyard by the right.

"General Lyttleton in the centre was to support either according to circumstances.

"Early in the day I saw that General Hart was unable to force the passage, and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry and his leading battalion, the Connaught Rangers, I fear, suffered a great deal.

"Colonel Brooke was severely wounded.

"I then ordered General Hildyard to advance, which he did. His leading regiment, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station and the houses near the Bridge. At that moment I heard that the whole artillery I had sent to support that attack—14th and 16th Field Batteries, with six Naval 12 pounders, under Colonel Long—were out of action.

"It appears that Colonel Long, desiring to be within effective range, advanced close to the river. It proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range, killing all the horses, and the gunners, who were compelled to stand to their guns. Some wagon teams got shelter in a Donga. The troops made desperate efforts to recover and bring away the field-guns, but the fire was too severe, and only two guns were saved by Captain Schofield and some drivers. Another most gallant attempt was made by an officer whose name I will obtain. Of eighteen horses, thirteen were killed, and as several drivers were wounded, I refused to allow another attempt

"As the gallant attempt of the infantry to force the passage unsupported by artillery, was a useless sacrifice of life, I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order. Throughout the day a considerable force of the enemy were pressing on my right flank, but were kept back by the Mounted Infantry under Lord Dunlonald and a part of General Barton's Brigade.

"The day was intensely hot, and most trying to the troops, whose conduct was excellent.

"We abandoned ten guns. One was destroyed by shell-fire.

"The losses of General Hart's Brigade, I fear, were very heavy, though the proportion severely wounded, I hope, may not prove to be large.

"The 14th and 16th batteries also suffered severely.

"I have retired to our camp at Chievely."

## THE BRITISH LOSSES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 17, 3-15 A.M.

On Friday's engagement at the Tugela, the British losses were ninety-two killed including seven officers. The number of wounded is 667 and that of missing 348.

The total of killed, wounded, and missing is 1,107.

## THE BOERS AT STORMBERG IGNORANT OF GATACRE'S ADVANCE.

## SURGEON OR COMBATANT.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 17, 2-10 P.M.

The special correspondent of the Central News has interviewed the Boer Commandant at Stormberg. They assert that God alone averted a disaster when the British troops appeared.

The advance was an utter surprise, the commandants being ignorant that an enemy was in the neighbourhood until the British troops were within easy range of the best Boer positions. The Boers instantly used their rifles, and they compelled the British to retire, which they did in great confusion, losing some guns.

The Boers appear to have used expanding Mauser bullets on the Modder on Thursday.

Surgeon-Major Burchell, who was taken prisoner on that occasion, is treated as a combatant, because he carried a revolver. He has protested against this decision.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

### IMPORTANT SPEECH BY MR. LONG AT LIVERPOOL.

LONDON, DEC. 17.

The Right Hon. Walter Long, President of the Board of Agriculture, speaking at Liverpool last night said that if necessary an additional 100,000 troops would be despatched to South Africa, and he intimated that the defence committee of the Cabinet were considering the question of the employment of both the Militia and the Volunteers in South Africa.

### COMMENTS OF THE FOREIGN PRESS.

The Foreign Press mostly comment on our recent reverses in South Africa in an unbiassed spirit. They pay tribute to the gallantry of our troops but say our scouting is defective.

### UPRISING OF THE DUTCH IN THE NORTH OF CAPE COLONY.

### THE NATIVES UNSETTLED.

LONDON, DEC. 17.

Owing to the British reverse at Stormberg all the Dutch country to the northward has rebelled and the natives both there and at Basutoland are unsettled.

### OFFERS OF HELP FROM NEW SOUTH WALES.

LONDON, DEC. 16.

In reply to the offer of the New South Wales Government of more troops for South Africa, Mr. Chamberlain has telegraphed that the Imperial Government is willing to accept the services of a further Australian Contingent and suggests that all be mounted men and good shots and bring their own horses.

The Premier of New South Wales announces that the Colony is prepared to send a fully-equipped field battery.

### GENERAL BULLER'S LOSSES.

LONDON, DEC 17.

It is officially announced that General Buller's losses were :—92 killed, 667 wounded, and 348 missing.

### CASUALTIES AT THE BATTLE OF THE TUGELA RIVER.

The following are the casualties which have occurred among the officers of General Buller's command at the battle of the Tugela River :—

KILLED.

Captain A. H. Goldie, Field Artillery.
Lieutenant C. B. Schreiter, Field Artillery.
Captain A. H. Bacon, Dublin Fusiliers.
Lieutenant R. C. P. Henry, Dublin Fusiliers.
Major J. F. W. Charley, Inniskilling Fusiliers.
Captain C. C. Loftus, Inniskilling Fusiliers.

WOUNDED.

Captain N. J. Goodwyn, Devons.
Captain J. F. Radcliffe, Devons.
Captain P. U. W. Vigors, Devons.
Lieutenant H. B. W. Gardiner, Devons.
Lieutenant H. I. Storey, Devons.
Captain W. N. Congreve, Rifle Brigade.
Lieut. R. G. Graham, Rifle Brigade.
Lieut. Hon. J. H. S. Roberts, King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Staff Captain Hon. St. Leger H. Jervis, King's R. R. Corps.
Captain A. J. Hancock, Inniskilling Fusiliers.
Captain W. F. Hussey, Inniskilling Fusiliers.
Captain E. J. Buckley, Inniskilling Fusiliers.
Lieut. H. A. Loverson, Inniskilling Fusiliers.
Lieut. T. W. Whifler, Inniskilling Fusiliers.
Lieut. T. A. D. Best, Inniskilling Fusiliers.
Lieutenant W. W. Meldon, Inniskilling Fusiliers.
Lieutenant Devenish, Inniskilling Fusiliers.
Major R. H. G. Heygate, Border Regiment.
Captain J. E. S. Probyn, Border Regiment.
Lieutenant G. J. Marsh, Border Regiment.
Colonel L. G. Brooke, Connaught Rangers.
Lieutenant G. J. Brooke, Connaught Rangers.
Major A. W. Gordon, Dublin Fusiliers.
Captain H. M. Shewan, Dublin Fusiliers.
Lieut. McLeod, Dublin Fusiliers.
Captain J. E. R. Brush, Irish Fusiliers.
Colonel C. J. Long, Horse Artillery.
Colonel H. V. Hunt, Field Artillery.
Captain H. D. White Taunson, Field Artillery.
Captain Reed, Field Artillery.
Captain Elton, Field Artillery.
Lieutenant F. Goodeon, Field Artillery.

In the Medical Staff Corps the following are among the casualties :—

Killed.—Captain Hughes.
Wounded.—Major J. H. Brannigan.

Among the Colonial Mounted Troops, seven officers were wounded, including Lieutenant A. Holford, of the 19th Hussars.

The prisoners include :

Major A. C. Bailward, of the Field Artillery.
Major Foster, of the Field Artillery.
Lieutenant Birch, of the Field Artillery.
Lieutenant R. W. St. L. Gethin, of the Field Artillery.
Lieutenant Holford, of the Field Artillery.
Colonel G. M. Bullock, Devons.
Major J. MacN. Walter, Devons.
Lieutenant G. N. T. Smyth, Osbourne, Devons.
Lieutenant W. F. Bonham, Essex Regiment.
Captain D. H. A. Dick, Scots Fusiliers.
Captain H. H. Northey, Scots Fusiliers.
Lieutenant E. Christian, Scots Fusiliers.
Lieutenant C. F. H. Rumbold, Scots Fusiliers.
Lieutenant M. E. McConaghey, Scots Fusiliers.
Lieutenant G. C. Briggs, Scots Fusiliers.

Among the missing are—

Lieutenant Buller of the Artillery, D. S. O.
Captain G. H. Ford Hutchinson, D. S. O. of the Connaught Rangers.
Lieutenant Jones, Connaught Rangers.

### SEVENTH DIVISION TO BE EXPEDITED.

LONDON, DEC. 16.

It is officially announced that arrangements have been made to expedite the despatch of the Seventh Division to the Cape and to make good our losses in artillery.

### THE PRESS ON BULLER'S REVERSE.

The papers discuss General Buller's reverse calmly and agree that the situation is the worst since the Indian Mutiny. They are however confident of our ultimate success.

### THE FOURTEENTH BRIGADE.

General Chermside will command the Fourteenth Brigade.

### APPOINTMENT OF LORD CHARLES BERESFORD TO THE MEDITERRANEAN SQUADRON.

LONDON, DEC. 16.

Lord Charles Beresford has been appointed Second-in-Command of the Mediterranean Squadron and has resigned his seat for York.

He assumes command on the 12th January.

### SERIOUS BRITISH REVERSE ON THE TUGELA.

LONDON, DEC. 16.

A despatch from General Buller, dated Chievely Camp yesterday, reports that the British troops have received a serious reverse while attempting that morning to force the passage of the Tugela River.

The British were obliged to abandon eleven guns and retire to Chievely.

General Buller fears that the British losses were heavy.

General Hart, who attacked the Boers on the left drift, was unable to force the passage, despite the gallant attack made by our men.

The Connaught Rangers who led the attack suffered heavily.

Colonel Brooke is among the wounded.

General Hildyard advanced on the right and occupied Colenso station.

Meanwhile the whole of the Artillery Division was supporting the attack and advanced close to the river bed. The latter proved to be full of the enemy, who opened a galling fire at close range, killing all the horses.

General Buller states that it was impossible to bring away our guns as it would have necessitated too great a sacrifice to force the passage of the river unsupported by artillery. The troops eventually were ordered to withdraw and returned to camp in good order.

Throughout the day the enemy were pressing over the right flank and were kept back by Dundonald's mounted men and part of General Barton's brigade.

The day was intensely hot and most trying to the troops whose conduct throughout was excellent.

### THE COMMAND OF THE SEVENTH DIVISION.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, DEC. 16.

General Tucker, Commanding Secunderabad District, takes Command of the Seventh Division for South Africa. He sails from Bombay by the s. s. Sultan on the 22nd inst., accompanied by Major G. A. Williams, A.-D.-C.

### MORE ABOUT MAGERSFONTEIN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 17.

The "Indian Daily News" cablegram, dated London, December 15, says that to the keen regret for the terrible loss of life at Magersfontein is now added the exasperation of how near it went to being a complete victory of our arms and final defeat of the Boers on the North-Western Frontier.

Accounts of the fighting which have arrived from the scene of the action state that General Cronje, who commanded the enemy, was on the point of retreating, when the British fell back. The destruction inflicted on the enemy by the devoted Highland Brigade was greater than that suffered by themselves, and it is estimated that the Boer loss is fully two thousand or more. The whole Scandinavian contingent was destroyed. The battle was one of the bloodiest in recent annals of war.

The Boers declare their force at Stormberg which surprised General Gatacre, and compelled him to retreat, was only eight hundred men.

### MILITARY NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 16.

Assistant Surgeons A. Beale and W. E. Kirkpatrick, are gazetted for employment in the Persian Gulf.

### LORD SANDHURST'S VISIT TO CALCUTTA.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Sandhurst are expected here on the 23rd instant as guests of H. E. the Viceroy.

### AN OPEN-AIR CONCERT.

POONA, DEC. 17.

The Shropshires gave an open-air concert last Saturday night in aid of the Wounded Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund. About 2,000 persons were present. The concert proved a great success, both musically and financially. Colonel Collette announced that the men had subscribed amongst themselves Rs. 750 and the concert proceeds amounted to Rs. 713, thus Rs. 1,463 were added to the fund. The gathering was a most patriotic one, all songs and allusions of that nature being vociferously received.

### THE LUCKNOW CONGRESS.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

BARSI, DEC. 17.

Mr. Sane, Pleader, was elected a delegate for the Lucknow Congress, at a public meeting held last evening. Messrs. Ainapure, Merchant, and Tilak Sane, and Sulakhe, Pleaders, addressed the meeting. Mr. Bhagwant Venkatesh, Pleader, presided.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LIVERPOOL, DEC. 15.

The Anchor Line steamer Nubia left here for Bombay yesterday evening.

PLYMOUTH, DEC. 15.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Golconda arrived here this afternoon.

SUEZ, DEC. 15.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Matiana left here this afternoon.

COLOMBO, DEC 17.

N. L. Karlsruhe from Aden arrived.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. Poseidon, from Bombay, arrived at Aden, on the morning of the 16th instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. Triest left Kurrachee for Bombay on the morning of the 16th instant.

The s. s. Arabia, with the homeward mails of the 2nd December, arrived at Marseilles yesterday.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 15.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm. Surats dull.

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The Manchester Market has been firm.

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| 2 3-4 per cent. Consols | 102 1-16 |
| 3 per cent. Rentes | 100 1-2 |
| 3½ per cent. Sterling Loan | 109 |
| 3½ per cent. Rupee Papers | 83 7-8 |
| Bar Silver | 27 3-8 |

The sum of about £175,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

### H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR TO CALCUTTA.

HIS EXCELLENCY LORD SANDHURST will leave Bombay from the Victoria Terminus on the morning of Thursday, the 21st instant, on a visit to Calcutta, reaching the latter city on the morning of Saturday, the 23rd idem. His Excellency will remain at Calcutta for a week; and then start for Bombay, returning here at 11 o'clock on the morning of Thursday, the 4th January. The following is the detailed programme :—Leave Victoria terminus, 8-30 a.m., (Railway Time), Thursday, 21st December; arrive Nagpur, 3-30 a.m., Friday; leave Nagpur, 4 a.m., arrive Bilaspur, 12-35; leave Bilaspur, 1-1 p.m., arrive Asonal, 3-30 a.m, Saturday; leave Asonal, 3-50 a.m.; arrive Howra, 8-30 a.m.; stop Howra, from 24th, Sunday, to 30th, Saturday; leave Calcutta, 6-42 p.m., on Sunday, the 31st, arriving at Allahabad, at 11-21 a.m., on Monday 1st January; leave Allahabad at 11-44 a.m.; arrive at Bhusaval, at 5-59 a.m., Tuesday; leave Bhusawal, at 6 9 a.m.; arrive at Jalgaon, at 6-38 a.m.; leave Jalgaon, at 8-43 a.m.; arrive at Manmad, at 1-26 p.m.; leave Manmad, at 6-30 p.m.; arrive Ahmednagar, at 11-44 p.m.; leave Ahmednagar, at 11-54 p.m., Wednesday; arrive at Dhond, at 2-30 a.m., Thursday; leave Dhond, 3-11 a.m.; arrive Poona, at 5-15 a.m.; leave Poona at 6 a.m.; arrive at Bombay (Victoria Terminus), 11 a.m., Thursday, 4th January.

His Excellency will be accompanied by Major R. Owen, Military Secretary; Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, Private Secretary; Major A. G. C. Croley, R.A.M.C., Medical Officer; Captain B. J. T. Levett, Captain A. D. Young, and Captain J. G. Greig, Aides-de-Camp.

### ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF SIR ROBERT LOW.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR ROBERT LOW, G.C.B. Commanding the Forces at Bombay, returned here on Saturday morning by the steam-ship Kolan, from his tour in the Sindh and Quetta Districts and landed at the Apollo Bunder. The arrival was private. The Lieutenant-General was accompanied by Brigadier General Barlow, Adjutant General; Colonel Steuart, Officiating Brigadier General, R.A., and Captain Low, Aide-de-Camp. About 8 o'clock the steamer Kolah entered the harbour and dropped anchor off the Apollo Bunder. Shortly after Captain Schofield, of Welsh Regiment, attached to the District Staff Office, left the Bunder in a steam launch belonging to the Royal Indian Marine and met the Lieutenant-General on board the vessel. Sir Robert Low, in company of his staff, arrived at the Bunder, where on landing, he was met by Brigadier-General Ventris, Commanding the Bombay District, and Captain A. Aitken, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General; the land battery firing a salute of fifteen guns. The Lieutenant-General proceeded to the Yacht Club Chambers, where he put up during his brief stay in Bombay. At 2 o'clock Sir Robert Low and his staff left Bombay for Poona from the Victoria Terminus. The departure was private. Another salute of fifteen guns was fired from the saluting battery to announce the departure of the Lieutenant-General.

### ARRIVAL OF THE R. M. S. DALHOUSIE.

THE Royal Indian Marine Steamer Dalhousie, Commander L. S. Warden, arrived in harbour on Saturday from Rangoon, which Port she left on the 6th instant, and called at Port Blair and Calicut *en route*. She has brought the following details :—Lieutenant C. E. Kinsington, thirty-five men rank and file, Assist.-Surgeon George, and Mr. H. A. Just, 2 warders and one follower. The Dalhousie will leave again for Ratnagari and Karwar, on the 19th instant, and will bring about 250 prisoners from both the stations.

### A PARTY AT LADY JENKIN'S.

On the afternoon of Friday, the 15th, at her residence at Nepean Sea Road, Lady Jenkin had a small social gathering of some of her lady-friends, and acquaintances amongst whom were seen Mrs. Ventris, Mrs. and Miss E. F. Canay, Mrs. M. G. Ranade, Mrs. Bodroodeen Tyabjee, Mrs. P. M. Mehta, Lady and Miss J. Cowasjee Jehangir, Miss D. E. Manna, Mrs. and Miss S. D. Sassoon Mrs. Bayley, Mrs. D. J. Tata, Mrs. R. J. Tata, Mrs. G. G. Tejpal, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. R. S. Powvalla, Mrs. D. J. Parakh, Mrs. and the Misses Rustamji N. B. Jijibhoy, Mrs. Hugh Symons, the Misses R. M. Patel, Mrs. N. M. Patel, Mrs. R. Furdoonji, Mrs. W. Hughes, Mrs. Boston, Miss D. E. Vacha, Mrs. Metha, Mrs. Zygoura, Mrs. M. B. Barbhaya, Miss Manockjee Cursetjee, Miss C. M. Cursetjee, Mrs. Sandor-Chaiser, Mrs. Shirpad Ranade, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. and the Misses J. A. Wadia, Mrs. P. A. Hormasji, Mrs. Kallabhoy Lalloobhai, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. J. D. Ghandhy, Mrs. and Miss Percival, Mrs. Mahmadbhai Curreembhai, Mrs. Jijibhoy F. Patit, Miss F. D. Patit, Mrs. Trisooli, and a few others. The Band of the Grenadier Regiment, which was stationed in the garden discoursed awe t music and contributed to the greater sociability. Amongst the guests, who mostly enjoyed pleasant chitchats, or walked about the tastefully-decorated drawing-room and the terrace and verandas commanding lovely sea-views, Lady Jenkin's black silky-haired monkey which seemed by its straight vertebra and biped walking to be, as it were, the missing link, amused the guests by his freaks and frolics.

Refreshments were served in the dining-room on the ground floor and the guests departed thankful to the genuinely amiable hostess who had afforded them a very socially agreeable entertainment that led to the formation of some new acquaintanceships.

### KATHIAWAR NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BHOWNAGAR DEC. 13.

A severe hail-storm occurred at Seetha, a town under Dhrangadra, accompanied with heavy rain yesterday. The hail-stones were large, and 1 lb. 15 ozs. of rain was measured.

A disastrous fire occurred among the stacks of fuel in the ginning factory at Botad. The damage done by the fire is estimated at Rs. 10,000.

SOME of the papers state that the Prince of Wales will during the winter come to Rome to pay an official visit to the King. In connection with the visit the "Agenzia-Libera" says that it will have political importance as bearing upon the negotiations now taking place between England and Italy concerning their respective interests in Africa. The agency adds that Italy is seeking from England a recognition of her right to Tripoli in the event of a dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire.

THE appeal against the decision of Dr. Tristram in favour of the removal of the crucifixes from the church of St. Ethelburga, Bishopsgate, has been abandoned. In view of the fact that the church will probably be demolished in the near future, the English Church Union, who have been financially supporting the churchwardens in fighting against the opposition of Mr. Kensit, have decided not to proceed further in the matter. This decision, of course, entails the removal of the crucifixes. The figures, after being suspended on the crosses for over twenty years, have now been taken down, and will shortly be placed in the vestry.

### BOMBAY EXTRA RACES.

ON Saturday the second meeting of the Bombay Extra Races took place, when the attendance was fair. The fields were rather larger than the first week and some good racing was witnessed. The programme opened with the Lilliputs Stakes. Muktar and Chauvan from the same stable were entered, but the latter was the sole representative. The event was regarded as a good thing for the grey, and he was regarded as an even money chance. There was considerable delay at the post, Mutlag refusing to join the horses, and he also caused a breakway. When the start took place, Mutlag, who came through at a gallop, gained a lead of about twenty lengths, before the other animals got into their stride. This advantage was maintained to the finish, Mutlag getting home by a length from Advance and Twilight, who was to the rear of the latter. The race was wrongly run, as owing to the unfair start secured by Mutlag other horses were not fully tested. Karnataky, on his running last week, was deemed a good thing for the Bedouin Stakes, and C. B. Mahomed got him home by a neck, though possibly that lead might have been increased if necessary. Karnataky did the distance in three-fifths of a second better time than last week. Thunder was an odds on chance for the New Stakes, and he looked in good condition. His journey to the post was most tedious, the horse displaying a great disinclination to go with his head directed from his stable. The race was an excellent one, as the running was made by Behram with Thunder second and Pilot close up. Rounding the bend Thunder took the lead, but Behram ran very gamely and was beaten by a neck. Terapore in the trials for newly-landed Australian horses, scored his maiden success. He is a nice looking colt, and ran better than when out last week. Of the other animals Kettledrum looks a likely sort, but he was out of condition and had only had a few days' training. Teepookana is also a handsome animal, but looked soft. The Christmas Stakes brought out five runners, of whom the most fancied were Muktar and Nobleman, Bonaparte being backed by a few for a place. The animals were despatched to a good start, though Muktar started slow. Bonaparte held the lead and although C. B. Mahomed bought up Muktar, he was never able to recover the ground lost at the beginning. Nobleman ran badly and he does not look in very good condition. The Amateur Plate was the last event and five horses went down, Truffle and Alma being greatly fancied. A breakaway spoilt Truffle's chance as he ran more than half the course before he could be pulled up. When let go Fischer brought Dakin out with a clear lead, and making every post a winning post, he got home by a length from Truffle. The starting left much to be desired. Details :—

1ST RACE.—The Lilliput Stakes. Winner, Rs. 200, second, Rs. 50; third, Rs. 25. For Arab and C.-B. ponies, 13-2 and under, which have not won a race, value Rs. 1,500 or upwards. 13-2 to carry 8st. 12lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners: once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Allowances—Maidens 5lbs. ponies which have not won a race value Rs. 90 or upwards, 5lbs. (accumulative). Distance—5 furlongs.

Mr Hamood Aboo Shaba's b a h Mutlag, 7st 4lbs ...Saleh 1
Mr S A W's b a h Advance, 8st 2lbs ...N Mahomed 2
Mr B's g a g Twilight, 8st 4lbs ...Allo-ertson 3
Mr Abdool Aziz Bin Saif's g a h Amaze, 8st 2lbs ...Soja 0
Messrs G K and D D's g a h Chauvaan, 8st 7lbs ...C B Mahomed 0
Mr Farmer's g a h Starlight, 7st 7lbs ...Nawab 0

2ND RACE.—The Bedouin Stakes. Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 50; third, Rs. 25. For Arab and C.-B. Horses which have not won race value Rs. 1,500 or upwards. W. A. and C. Penalties—Winners: once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Allowances—Ponies, 7lbs. Maidens, 5lbs. Ponies or horses which have not won a race Rs. 90 or upwards, 5lbs. (accumulative). Distance—6 furlongs.

Messrs G K and D D's ch c b m Karnataky, 8st 7lbs ...C B Mahomed 1
Mr A R Amer's ch a h Defender, 7st 5lbs ...Banvard 2
Mr C P Khatao's b c b g Turbin, 9st 7lbs ...Ryder 3

3RD RACE.—The New Stakes.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 50; third, Rs. 25. For Maiden Arab Ponies measured since 1st April, 1899. 14 hands to carry 9st. 3lbs. W. I. Penalties—Winners of a race value Rs. 150 or over, once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Allowances—Ponies which have not won a race value Rs. 90 or upwards 5lbs. Distance—6 furlongs.

Mr Milward's g a h Thunder, 8st 6lbs ...Heroo 1
Mr Farmer's b a h Behram, 8st 12lbs ...Nawab 2
Mr A W Khasam's g a h Pilot, 8st 12lbs ...Salen 3
Mr Ahmed Bashari's b a h Patna, 8st 3lbs ...Johnson 0
Mr Formby and Captain Wydham's b a h Rory II, 8st 6lbs ...Banvard 0

4TH RACE.—The Trials.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 50; third, Rs. 25. For Horses landed from Australia since 1st August, 1899. W. A. Penalties—Winners; once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Allowances—Maidens, 10lbs. Distance—1-2 mile.

Messrs Tulloch and Allan's ch a g Terapore by Far Niente—Necklet, 7st 4lbs ...Banvard 1
Mr G Hunter's ch a g Kettledrum by Drumstick—Dam unknown, 8st 12lbs ...Marriott 2
Mr H Bullock's b a g h Teepookana by Mozart—Lady Fisher, 9st 1lb ...Robertson 0
Messrs Cavanagh and Martin's b a g Peerage by Persimmon—Josephine, 7st 12lbs ...Johnson 0

5TH RACE.—The Christmas Stakes. Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 50; third, Rs. 25. For Arab and C. B. ponies 13-3 and under which have not won a race value Rs. 1,500 or upwards. 13-3 to carry 9st. W. I. Penalties—Winners: once, 3lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Allowances—Maidens 5lbs. Ponies which have not won a race value Rs. 90 or upwards 5lbs. (accumulative). Distance—6 furlongs.

Mr Allan Aumeer's ch c b m Mukta, 8st 5lbs ...C B Mahomed 2
Messrs Mathuradass Goculdass and Anandjee Kanjee's b a h Nobleman, 8st 4lbs ...Banvard 3
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Brilliant, 8st 4lbs ...Heeroo 0
Mr Mooloodi Shah's b a g Pilgrim, 8st ...Jakoo 0

6TH RACE.—The Amateur Plate. Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 50; third, Rs. 25. For Horses which have not won a race value Rs. 1,500 or upwards. W. A. and C. raised 2st. Penalties—Winners: once, 4lbs.; twice, 7lbs.; oftener, 10lbs. Allowances—Maidens, 5lbs. Horses which have not won a race value Rs. 90 or upwards 5lbs. (accumulative). G. R. only. Distance —5 furlongs.

Mr J Hormusji's br a g Dakin, 10st 9lbs ...Mr P Fischer 1
Mr S A W's b a g Truffle, 10st 4lbs ...Capt Young 2
Mr Kaballi's g a g Alma, 10st 9lbs ...Mr. Martin, jr. 3
Mr Frankland's b a g m Poissard by Eureka—Fisher Girl, 10st 4lbs ...Mr Hubby 0
Messrs Tulloch and Allan's b or br a g Gaudy by Leonox—Sorrow, 9st 12lbs ...Mr. Paleologus 0

### POONA REGATTA.

SECOND DAY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DEC. 16.

THE second day of the Poona Regatta meeting took place on Saturday, when the attendance was much better than on the previous day. The Calcutta men showed up again, and the excellent manner with which they steered their skiffs, excited much admiration. Mrs. Aston, wife of Mr. H. M. Aston, I. C. S., distributed the prizes at the conclusion of the Regatta, the visitors being heartily cheered as they went to receive their awards. The band of the 28th Pioneers was in attendance. Mr. T. LeMesurier was starter, and the Hon. Mr. Giles and Col. C. Hoskyns, R. E., judges.

Khatau's Race. Distance—½ mile. Double Sculls. There were three entries. Won by Gopala Govinda. Regimental Fours (Final). Distance 1 mile. Prize —A cup presented by the 3rd Light Infantry.

The 28th Pioneers beat the Royal Artillery.

The Artillery got the lead at the start and were ahead at the bend. The Pioneers were pulling a long and powerful stroke, and shortly afterwards they took the lead and won by a length and a half. Time—5 min. 10 secs.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Double Sculls. Distance—1-4 mile.

Miss E. Geddes, Mr. Geddes } boat { Miss Bainbridge, Mr. Sargent, Mrs. Laing (cox)
Miss L. Geddes (cox) }

Striking at a quicker pace, Mrs. Laing's boat took the lead, which they sustained until just before home, when Miss Geddes now quickened and won an exciting race by a quarter of a length.

Double Sculls (Oxenham Challenge Cup).—Final. Distance—1-2 mile.

Mr. F. G. H. Power, Mr. C. M. Jack } boat { Mr. J. B. Hoare, Mr. C. W. Graham

Both boats went abreast until half distance had been covered, when Jack drew away and won by a length and a quarter.

Junior Sculls (Final). Distance—1-3 mile.

Mr. J. A. Fieldhay Mr. M. H. Geddes. Won easily.

Senior Sculls (Final). Distance—3-4 mile.

Mr. F. G. H. Power beat Mr. H. N. Young.

Scratch Fours.—Four crews entered for this event which created much interest. No. 4 boat (Messrs. Kiddle, Kirkelly, Power and Jack, with Miss Thomas, cox) won, No. 3 (Messrs. Hootan, Dickson, Young, and Pridham, with L. Geddes, cox) second. No. 2 (Messrs. Cameron, Harvey, Geddes, and Hoare, with Miss Yate, cox) was a good third, the other crew being Messrs. Graham, Tod, and Sargent, with Mrs Strange, cox.

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| Mr. G. D. Moore, Mr. P. M. Lane, Mr. D. B. Taompson, Mr. K. Mackenzie, Mr. J. G. Greig | boat | M. M. Haldane (Roy. Scots.), F. Dennistown (R. A.), L. B. Montressor (R. A.), G. H. Bolleau (R. E.), C. S. Holland (R. A.) |

The race was never in doubt. Won by two lengths.

### ARRIVAL OF TRANSPORT PATIALA.

THE Transport Patiala, Captain R. Phillips, arrived in harbour on Saturday from Durban, which port she left on the 30th November. The Patiala left Bombay on the 8th October last with a squadron of the Gordon Highlanders, and reached Durban on the 22nd October. After disembarking the troops at Durban she received orders to leave for Simons Bay with 189 Boer prisoners. After landing these men she returned to Durban. She again left Durban on the 9th November with 87 prisoners on board for Cape Town, arriving there on the 12th. The prisoners were kept on board for some days before they were landed. The Patiala then left Cape Town on the 24th arriving at Durban on the 27th. After remaining three days, she left for Bombay. A number of carpenters and coolies were sent on board from the Government Dockyard to remove the fittings.

THE Madras Government has accepted the Board of Revenue's proposal that the water-rate for a third irrigated crop on dry land may be fixed at one or two rupees per acre according as the crop is a dry or wet one.

## ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 1.

### THE WAR.

WHILE the accounts of the progress of General Lord Methuen's column and the extraordinary bravery exhibited by the forces under his energetic command have been read with unmixed delight by the whole nation the more hopeful outlook on South Africa has not stopped criticism on the defects brought to light by the war. Indeed if anything the complaints are increasing in strength. At the military clubs there is a disposition to put the blame on the shoulders of the civil element, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach being blamed most for resisting as long as possible in the supposed interests of the National Exchequer. Next to Sir M. Hicks-Beach the man who is most severely censured, at all events by army officers, is Lord Lansdowne who is personally held responsible for the absence of big guns in Natal at the time of the issue of the Boer ultimatum. The "Times" which has never concealed its dissatisfaction with War Office methods makes a point of our lack of quick-firing guns. It appears from accounts of recent engagements that the Boers possess four six-gun batteries of guns of this description, throwing a shell about an inch and a-half in diameter at the rate of 250 or 300 a minute. "This weapon," remarks the "Times" severely, "has not been thought worthy of notice by our Army." It was not from want of having their attention called to the matter. For a year and a half or more Lord Charles Beresford were never tired of questioning the War Office representative in the House of Commons on the subject of such firing guns. The invariable reply vouchsafed was that the War Office were waiting for the evolution of a perfect quick-firer before putting the country to expense! Were they waiting for the evolution of big guns when they turned a deaf ear to the entreaties addressed to them by responsible officials many weeks before the ultimatum? As the "Times" says one of the many things which will have to be inquired into is why the War Office has allowed our troops to be confronted with artillery to which they can make no adequate reply.

### FRENCH CARTOONISTS AND THE QUEEN.

The country is very deeply affected by the scandalous attacks that have been and are still being made by a section of the French press on her Majesty. The talk of boycotting not only the Exhibition but French goods of all description is quite serious, and I am told that in some shops the owners have put notices in their windows to the effect that no article produced by our exasperating neighbour across the Channel are on sale in their establishments. A prominent Frenchman moving in the highest social circles in London has written a long letter on the subject to the "Figaro" and it is only fair to say that his protest is supported by that journal as well as by other of the better papers in Paris. "I have seen letters from the court," says the "Figaro's" correspondent, "in which a person regularly attached to the Queen's entourage states how she is affected by the drawings and article directed against her. I even know that the Prince of Wales and his brother, the Duke of Connaught, are irritated to the highest pitch and that if this goes on we shall really have the boycotting of the Exhibition with which we had been menaced, but this time it will be serious." Mr. Chamberlain's protest at Leicester, strong though it was, only erred in seeming to identify the whole of France with the work of an extremely small and insignificant minority. The disapproval expressed yesterday by the French Naval Attache of these attacks if followed up by similar expressions of disapprobation by other Frenchmen of high position may allay the intensely indignant feeling that now prevails in this country.

### THE KAISER AT SANDRINGHAM.

The Kaiser concluded his short sojourn in England with a brief stay at Sandringham, to which he went direct from Windsor. The railway journey ended at the little station at Wolferton, after darkness had fallen. The Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, and the Princess Victoria of Wales were on the platform. The Prince of Wales was the first to alight from the train, and he assisted the Empress out of the carriage, who stepped forward and kissed the Princess of Wales on both cheeks. The Emperor then stepped forward and kissed the hand of the Princess of Wales, and then the Kaiser and Kaiserin greeted the Duke and Duchess of York and the Princess Victoria of Wales. Then a move was made to the closed carriages which were waiting, and the party drove to Sandringham. A dinner was served at Sandringham at nine o'clock, which is half-an-hour faster than ordinary time, it being the custom there to keep the clocks half-an-hour fast. The guest were :—The Emperor and Empress, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Prince and Princess of Denmark, Lord Wolseley, the Bishop of London, Fraulein Gersdorff, Countess Arnagaard Stolberg, Count Von Bulow, General Plessen, Baron Von Knesebeck, Dr. Iberg, Lord Acton, Sir Frederic Lascelles, Baron Eckhardstein, the Hon. F. Ber ie, Chevalier Martino, Lord Clarendon, Major-General Sir John McNeill, Lieut.-Colonel Grierson, Captain May, Lady Mary Lygon and Sir Charles Cust, and Major-General Williams. During the dinner Herr Gottrieb's orchestral band played in the museum. After dinner the same band played, in the grand saloon, a pot-pourri, entitled "La Boheme," by Puccini, and a selection from the "Meistersingers," by Wagner. This morning the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by their Imperial guests and their suites, attended divine service at Sandringham Parish Church. It was just an ordinary service in a plain village church. Prayers were read by the Rev. Canon Hervey, Domestic Chaplain to the Prince. The hymns sung were "Come unto Me, ye weary," "Nearer my God, to thee," and "

## LATEST WAR NEWS.

### GENERAL FRENCH'S FORCE.

### RECONNAISSANCE TOWARDS COLESBURG.

### BOER MANŒUVRE FRUSTRATED.

THE "Daily Telegraph" of Nov. 25th publishes the following from its special correspondent:—

NAAUWPOORT, Thursday, 3-55 p.m.

Our troops after the skirmish this morning continued, with the exception of the cavalry, which rode back to camp. The Boer forces are reported to be fairly strong with at least one gun. An ambulance train left instantly on receipt of the news and brought in the wounded. The skirmish is of some importance as being the first encounter on the western side and indicating the possibity of a further advance by the Boers into the Colony, which hither to has been regarded as unlikely. The troops are greatly pleased at the prospect of activity. The force engaged was about 200 strong, and consisted of infantry, mounted infantry, and police, with a few cavalry.

Our casualties consist of the following wounded:—Corporal Thomas (severely), Private Willets, 1st Worcester Regiment (Mounted Infantry), and Trooper Sawtree, of the police. The Boers now occupy a strong position seventeen miles off.

4-5 p. m.

The train has returned with the Black Watch. It appears that about 50 mounted men left early this morning by road, and were joined at Tweedale by those sent out by train. Near Arundel another stoppage was made, and more men and horses were detrained. These were extended out a considerable distance, and advanced cautiously towards a kopje to the right of the line near Alberton's farm. It was at this moment that shots were heard in the direction of the kopje, and everyone was ordered aboard the train, which commenced slowly to return. The enemy were snugly hidden behind the big boulders on the hillside, and were invisible. A body of Boers had in the meantime galloped back behind some low hills with the object of cutting off the train. The troop of cavalry under Lieutenant Vaughan (7th Hussars), with Lieutenants Milbanks (10th Hussars) and West (5th Lancers), were at once sent out to prevent them from accomplishing their object, and the train returned in safety conveying one wounded man. One more is being brought in by an ambulance train.

The enemy were said to have artillery, and their exact location was determined. A party of Boers was observed at a farm to the right of the line as well as on the other flank and their object was clearly to cut off the train. This was at once detected by General French, who quickly frustrated their combinations by threatening them with one troop of cavalry, thus showing the power of that arm in this part of the country against the Boers.

### THE BATTLE OF MODDER RIVER.

#### GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGHT.

The following article on the Battle of Modder River appeared in "The Times" Nov. 30:—

The despatch of Lord Methuen necessarily opened the door to much speculation. Some few facts have been given to us, but not enough to resolve doubts or to enable us to claim a real success. The British forces left Orange River on the 22nd inst., and fought a severe action on the following morning at Belmont. The victory was "complete," as Lord Methuen announced, since the Boers were driven out of a strong position by sheer hard fighting, lost a portion of their transport, and were pursued, although without effect. A reconnaissance on the 24th discovered the enemy in another strong position at Graspan, only ten miles from Belmont and on the 25th a second severe action occurred. Again the Boers were completely out-fought but not routed, and they were able effectually to check the mounted force sent after them. On both occasions Lord Methuen's force suffered heavy losses, the Naval Brigade at Graspan must have been more than decimated. It was now necessary to rest the British force for a day and to replenish ammunition. Again advancing, apparently on the 27th, Lord Methuen approached Modder River, and on Tuesday, in the early morning, a reconnaissance showed the enemy "strongly entrenched and concealed." Preparations had doubtless been made for some time, as the Boer leaders seem to have selected this position for a stand in force. The river was "full" and there were "no means of fording." Beyond these brief statements, we have nothing to indicate the nature of the selected position. To fight with a river at their back even though it may be fordable, was to run great risks in the event of the entrenchments being successfully stormed. Possibly, therefore, the right flank of the Boers rested upon the river and their left was bent back and rendered exceptionally strong by the nature of the ground, or the trend of the river was such that both flanks could rest upon it. The rivers Modder and Riet converge at a point just west of the railway and the Jacobsial road lies in the fork thus formed. The action may therefore have been fought on the banks of the Riet which lies south of the Modder. These rivers are only about 30 yards broad and probably fordable, but the steep banks offer a considerable obstacle. All that seems clear is that a front attack over a long line was delivered after an artillery preparation. The Guards Brigade consisting of one battalion of Grenadier Guards and Scots Guards and two Coldstream Guards battalions was on the British right, the so-called 9th Brigade, composed of the Northumberland Fusiliers, Yorkshire Light Infantry, Northamptons, and North Lancashires, on the left "in widely-extended formation." The Naval Brigade, formation that more men are not under fire, and, consequently, "rendered great assistance from the railway," whether by guns brought to the front in trucks by rifle fire from an armoured train, or from a selected position near the line, we do not know. It appears that the Naval Brigade was not employed in the general assault. There was "desperate hard fighting," as we may well believe, lasting for ten hours, probably including the artillery preparation, and during this period this troops were "without food and water in a burning sun."

In regard to the result of these gallant efforts, Lord Methuen's despatch only states that the enemy were "made" to "quit their position." Our troops must have been

TOO MUCH EXHAUSTED TO PURSE

but if the Boers were driven across the river, assuming it to be fordable in the neighbourhood of their position, they must have suffered very severe losses in men and in transport. Reading between the lines, and remembering that there is no mention of the capture of the 'two large guns' stated to have been engaged, it seems possible that the general line of the enemy's position pointed south-west and that the Boers drew off eastward. We are not told that the position was captured, and it is open to belief that the enemy retreated under the stress of the British artillery and infantry fire before the attack was delivered. On the other hand, the despatch mentions specifically that Major-General Pole Carew was "successful in getting a smallparty across the river gallantly assisted by 300 sappers." Was this "small party intended to cut off the retreat of the Boers, or was the object of the movement to bring a flanking fire to bear upon the enemy's line resting on the river? Lord Methuen bestows "high praise" upon "the conduct of all engaged in one of the hardest and most trying fights in the annals of the British Army," and inclines to give the palm to the two batteries of artillery. Here again, there is perhaps an indication that the fire of these batteries played a crucial part in causing the Boers to "quit their position." We do not fear that Lord Methuen's force had been strengthened by any addition of infantry from Orange River. The Guards and the 9th Brigade are alone referred to as taking part in the general attack, although other battalions may be present in reserve. If not reinforced, the total strength at Lord Methuen's disposal cannot have exceeded 7,000 men, including mounted forces. The strength of the Boers is given as 8,000, and if such a force has been dislodged from a strong and well-entrenched position there has unquestionably been a great feat of arms.

On the above hypothesis, which the despatch evidently admits, the Boers elected to fight with this river in their rear. Another supposition is, however possible. The enemy's position may have been behind the river and thus naturally projected against a flank attack—a point which Lord Methuen mentions. In this case the action must apparently have taken the form of an artillery and infantry duel from the south across the river, and the movement of Major-General Pole Carew may have been an attempt to work round to the rear of the enemy's position. The combined effect of this menace and of the British fire may have caused the enemy to "quit their position," and the loss on both sides would probably be is the small. Against this latter hypothesis there fact that he does not in the least appear to fit the significant phrases "desperate hard fighting" and "one of the hardest and most trying fights in the annals of the British Army." The natural inference to be drawn from these words is unfortunately that our losses have been extremely heavy. Lord Methuen's despatches have always been modest and until further information is available we must endeavour to hope that in this instance he has under-estimated the results of the exceedingly important battle of Tuesday; but the unfortunate ambiguity and general vagueness of his telegram is calculated to produce painful suspense. The news reached Cape Town

AT 11-45 P.M. ON THE SAME DAY.

Assuming it to have been despatched from Modder River at 5 p.m., we may perhaps glean that the telegraph line is working nearly to the position attacked. Great efforts have doubtless been made to repair the railway behind Lord Methuen's advance, and we may hope that trains are now able to proceed some distance beyond Belmont. At the present juncture it seems to be supremely important to reinforce Lord Methuen from Orange River with the least delay, and it is satisfactory to know that two battalions have been already sent forward. If this latest hard-fought battle has produced any real impression upon the enemy, and if Lord Methuen is able to maintain his position on the Modder River and to keep up his communications with Orange River, the relief of Kimberley can be soon accomplished. Kimberley is barely 20 miles distant, and cannot at this moment be any longer closely invested. The garrison which made a sortie on the 23rd, when a large number of Boers had been withdrawn to the south must be aware of the position of the relieving column, and may be able to join hands with it to-day. If, on the other hand, the Boer force which fought so stubbornly on Tuesday is "still in being" in the full sense of the word, there will unquestionably be an attempt to cut Lord Methuen's communications, and to force him to fight his way back. It must be assumed that the relief of Kimberley was regarded as sufficiently urgent to justify the premature advance from Orange River; but from the military point of view the necessity was unfortunate. If Lord Methuen has been able to employ 12,000 men against Belmont the Boers would have incurred disaster, and our losses would have been less serious.

The Boers have so far been able to compel attack inadequate forces upon their well-chosen positions and while acting tactically on the defensive they have kept the initiative in their own hands. Ample numbers are our greatest need, and the decision to send out the 6th Infantry Division has certainly not been taken too soon. Its arrival in Cape Town will raise the total number of Regular British troops to about 58,000 men, and now that widespread disloyalty in the north of Cape Colony has to be faced, even, great-

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

er efforts will have to be made. The only wise course is to turn to account the somewhat bitter lessons of the last six weeks and to employ a large factor of safety.

### BATTLE OF GRASSPAN.

#### GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGHT.

ORANGE RIVER, Nov. 27 (Reuter's Special).—That determination which overcomes all difficulties has won another glorious victory for our arms on the Western Border. The country is strewn with kopjes, which, armed in an adequate manner, would form a formidable fortress, and when in the possession of the Boers with an inexhaustible supply of ammunition would present terrible positions to be taken. Most of the kopjes are over 200ft. in height, and the storming of Dargai is acknowledged to have been child's play compared with the work done by our forces this last week on kopje after kopje.

The enemy has been well-informed of our movements, and so carefully planned has his campaign been that the kopjes on every side are studded with trenches and the ground carefully measured to enable his artillery to find the range without difficulty.

The division left Thomas's farm on Friday afternoon, passed through Belmont, where the Boer prisoners and the wounded were being entrained, and encamped seven miles distant at Swenkspan, where there was a good supply of water. At half-past 3 in the morning they moved out of camp, and proceeded in a northerly direction through bushy country. The armoured train, followed by a material train, advanced slowly, and when the column reached Enslin kopjes it was seen that the armoured train was in action. The Cavalry went off on the flanks, and Lord Methuen lost no time in the disposition of his forces. The Artillery followed the Cavalry to the right and left, and the Ninth Brigade advanced in skirmishing order, and at six o'clock the Artillery duel began. The enemy occupied a long range of kopjes, where four cannon were posted in excellent position. The engineers on the railway train mounted a gun and assisted the Naval Brigade. Fire was opened on the extreme left of the enemy's position. It was found that cannon had been posted on the other side of the line, and

A TERRIBLE BATTLE

began between the Artillery. One Boer shell struck the armoured train, but only damaged the chain. The Boers had the exact range, and shells were bursting right over our men. One man's Lee-Metford was broken right across, and sharpnel was falling incessantly, but our men gallantly stuck to their guns, and the fire was returned with interest. After an hour's practice, our guns were taken back 1,000 yards, to give the enemy a difficulty in finding the range. The same duel was going on from the western side, but the fire was not so severe from the enemy. In the meantime, the Infantry advanced in echelon. The Northamptons proceeded to the left, but worked away along the base to the right where they were joined by the Yorkshire Regiment, with the Northumberland still advancing. The constant hooming of cannon sounded, and eventually our men were making such splendid practice that the Boer reply came only at intervals. After three hours' severe work the General found that the Boers would not vacate their stronghold until they saw the glint of cold steel. At this the Infantry advanced in magnificent style, and the Boers sent a scathing fire to them. Our men replied as they advanced, and forced the enemy from their first position. A party of a couple of hundred Boers was seen retreating over the plain. The Cavalry charged, and succeeded in catching them in the rear close to the kopje, where they were rushing for shelter. As the Lancers came up, the face of the kopje was found to be alive with the enemy, and a heavy fire from the Boers forced the Lancers to retire. The enemy occupied almost every kopje on each side. The engagement now became very severe.

SHELLS WERE SENT AMONGST THE INFANTRY

on the plain, but they did no damage. The musketry fire became general along the face of the kopjes, and at last the position of the enemy was occupied. A fearful engagement took place. The Martini-Metford bore the brunt and rushed up gallantly. Officer after officer fell, but still our men clambered over the boulders undaunted. The sharp click of bullets striking boulders came every second. The Boers used their rifles with good effect, but nothing human could stop the onrush of the Infantry. Detachments of all regiments helped the Marines, and after four hours' fighting the enemy were forced from their last position. They again opened fire from a kopje to the east, but the Artillery were shelling the kopje, and the first shots made matters too warm. A few thousand Boers left their cover and fled across the plain. The Lancers were not available, owing to their horses being exhausted, and the Artillery sent shell after shell amongst the enemy, who fled and made good their retreat towards Honeynest Kloof.

A small detachment of the New South Wales Lancers intercepted during the engagement a party of the enemy, who were at emting to retreat to a neighbouring kopje and charged them, forcing them back into their former position. Remington's Guides had a very warm few minutes from the kopje, and were separated from the others, but with the exception of one casualty they escaped.

THE NAVAL BRIGADE SUFFERED MOST

in the artillery duel. At the outset they had eight casualties, and in their heroically led charge on the east kopje, they lost three officers, Captain Prothroe being wounded. They were nobly supported by their comrades-in-arms, and when I reached the summit of the kopje directly after it was taken all the regiments in the Ninth Brigade were represented on top. One of the Northumberlands was giving a wounded Boer a drink of water. He said that the Boers attempted to shoot him when he first knelt down. The enemy had arranged a hospital at Enslin's house, but there were no conveniences. Mr. Rissik was taken prisoners. They brought the wounded Boers in from the field.

I learnt that the commando of Transvaal burghers 1,000 strong had arrived on the previous day, and that Cronje was present. His ambition was to keep the forces engaged all day, charge at sunset, and drive the British back to Belmont from where his progress south was to be unchecked. He has had a sad disappointment. The Boers, it must be admitted, were under capable command, and they took their cannon with them. Their route, however, was complete, and our victory must have had a very demoralising effect on them. The British troops maintained their reputation, the charging of the heights being a sight to inspire the greatest admiration from the determined resolution to do or die. Our loss was not so severe as at Belmont. The Northumberland Regiment, "the fighting fifth," behaved gallantly. Such fierce was the fire encountered in the two engagements, that five lieutenants are now commanding companies. While the main body of the enemy went northwards, small parties have sought refuge on the hills in all directions.

The small patrol of five Lancers was this morning fired on six miles distant, one trooper was killed and one wounded. I revisited the Boer laager between the hills further to the east. There was nothing in it but a few Cape carts and horses and a small quantity of flour and mealies, and the Boers must have been short of food for some time. It is strange that everything I picked up was of English manufacture. There were a number of Boers in the laager, and I also saw a book of Lang How's Poems, which was carefully marked. The Engineers have repaired the line up to Enslin's, and rebuilt ten culverts doing excellent work.

### THE POSITION AT MAFEKING.

MAFEKING, NOVEMBER 15 (BY RUNNER TO MAGALAPYE, THENCE *via* BEIRA AND LORENZO MARQUEZ).

EVERYTHING is quiet to-day. The garri on keep up their spirits and look forward with confidence to a happy issue of the siege. It must, however, be acknowledged that the situation of Mafeking becomes daily more serious. It is true that the shell fire of the enemy has up to now done comparatively little damage, but as the Boers continue to sap and approach by parallels there is no question that before long not only their shells but their rifle fire will render our streets impassable and even our fortified positions exceedingly dangerous. Because artillery at a range of 13,000 yards did not materially affect us, that in no way implies that when they have closed in upon us we shall be secure from their fire. Already we have suffered severely for so small a force, and the numbers in which the enemy are investing make it impossible for Colonel Baden-Powell to do more than keep them from carrying us by storm. To-day our dead number two officers and 17 men, and over 35 natives, of whom we have been wounded. For a month we have lived underground in cellars and in bomb-proof shelters, and the health of our plucky little band of defenders has not improved thereby. By day the streets are rendered dangerous. We have had a siege gun and a battery of seven field guns playing continually upon us. It is true that their fire is intermittent, but there lies the great danger, for this lulls the citizens into a sense of fake security which may lead at any moment to some ghastly accident. There is, by the observed, no question of surrender. We are prepared to suffer far more than we have done before it comes to that, but the siege of Mafeking is to-day no laughing matter either to its inhabitants or to the soldiers that defend it day and night. The Mauser bullets whistle through our streets, and great shells six inches in diameter and twenty-three in length hustle overhead, wrecking the buildings where they strike, and striking without discrimination even the hospital, the convent, and at times the women's lager.

So closely is the enemy investing us that we correspondents do not know whether our despatches do ever reach the outer world or not; and as this seems an unusually good chance to pierce the enemy's lines, it may not be inappropriate to send a resume of the siege as far as it has gone.

On Wednesday, October 11, a force of the enemy cut off our communication to the south and broke up our railway line.

On Thursday we were cut to the north.

On Friday the armoured train engaged the enemy north and south, and the siege of Mafeking had commenced.

On Saturday a patrol under Lord Charles Bentinck discovered the enemy advancing from the north, and the armoured train under Captain Williams engaged them with great success, driving them back as far as the torn-up state of the line would permit. So heavy was the firing that Captain FitzClarence was sent with D Squadron from the south to support the train a tough bit of fighting following in which the enemy endeavoured to make use of their great numerical superiority by turning our right flank. This manœuvre was frustrated by the arrival of our field guns and a support under Lord Charles Bentinck. The Boers were driven back and our men retired upon the town, carrying all their dead and wounded.

On Monday the 17th the enemy fired 63 shells into the town doing no damage. Their siege gun did not arrive until Tuesday the 24th, when a 16-pounder was brought to bear upon the town, doing much damage to buildings, though causing little loss of life. The enemy continued to erect works all round the town, and in order to check their ardour in this direction on Tuesday the 17th Captain FitzClarence, with sixty men, made a bayonet charge at midnight into the nearest of the enemy's entrenchments, scaling the trenches and doing what must have been great execution. Our loss was six dead and seven wounded, these losses occurring chiefly in the retreat, which was necessitated by the fact that our force was all to small to occupy permanently the position which it had stormed so gallantly.

Our third engagement of importance, which will rank perhaps amongst the most gallant and brilliant of the engagements of this war, was the defence of Cannon Kopje on Tuesday the 31st by the officers and men of the British South Africa Police under Colonel Walford. Upon this isolated position the 90-

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

pounder and four field guns were brought to bear, and under cover of their fire the enemy made a most determined attempt to carry the fort by storm. The British South Africa Police lost two officers, two non-commissioned officers, and four men killed, and some five or six wounded; but the loss inflicted upon the enemy (upon whom they did not fire until they were quite close) must have been very heavy, as they employed four ambulance waggons to carry in those injured.

On Friday, November 3 Captain Goodyear did good service by dislodging the enemy from a position which he had taken up uncomfortably near our lines, and was unfortunately wounded, and on Tuesday the 7th Major Godley and Captain Vernon made a successful sortie upon the enemy, losing upon our side five men wounded. Since then the enemy have continued shelling and sniping intermittently, pushing their trenches closer each night and wounding now and again someone or other. All the wounded are progressing favourably.—*Press Association.*

### WESTERN FRONTIER.

#### FIGHTING AT KIMBERLEY.

TWO SHELLS: 20 CASUALTIES.

(From the *Globe*)

Kimberley, November 23.

(Via Klokfontein, November 27.)

Natives who have deserted from the enemy have just come into Beacon-field. They state that two of our shells fired during the engagement on 17th killed nine and wounded 17 Boers, who were standing together at Alexanders-fontein Farm, having ridden up hurriedly to support their comrades.

The enemy fired five shells upon the town from the Wimbledon Ridge between eleven and twelve today, three at the Reservoir Fort, and two in the direction of the Sanatorium. The wind being contrary, all fell short.

At nine o'clock two field guns, supported by a mounted detachment of the Diamond Fields Horse, went out towards Webster's Farm, followed by the Kenilworth village guard under Lieut. Grant. After our artillery had search d the bush directly to the right of Webster's as some twenty shells had been fired the village guard was ordered to advance by sections and fire a volley, on coming within 1,000 yards range of the bush.

This effectively drew the Boer fire, yet so closely did the enemy lie among the bush and sandbanks that no idea could be formed as to their strength. The village guard having accomplished its purpose, was then ordered to retire on Kenilworth, which it did in admirable order. It was subsequently complimented by Major Scott Turner on its conduct.

There are persistent rumours that the Boers have made a night and wrecked their laagers round Kimberley. The weather is stormy.—Reuter's Special Service.

Lorenzo Marques, Nov. 27.

Special reports received from the Boer laager near Kimberley, dated November 25, state that a strong body of the garrison, accompanied by field pieces and Maxims, made a sortie and surprised the Bloemhof commando, who numbered three hundred men. After sharp fighting assistance arrived for the Boers, and the Kimberley troops retired to the town under cover of heavy artillery fire. The B ers lost nine killed and 17 wounded.

A large body of the garrison troops was observed on the eastern side of the town.—Daily*el.

Another Reuter's telegram, dated Kimberley, November 24, mentions that an official estimate places the number of shells fired by the enemy during the bombardment at not less than 1,000 and the number of shells fired by us at 600. Owing to the fact that the enemy's shells have so frequently fallen on soft and sandy ground their explosive effect has been greatly neutralised. All the wounded are doing well.

At 4-30 p.m. the armoured train proceeded towards Dronfield to reconnoitre, but this reconnaisance immediately aroused "Maggersy," the enemy's cordite gun. The train, accordingly, after the fifth shell had been fired, returned to Kimberley.

SORTIE FROM MAFEKING.

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At Mafeking another sortie was made on Saturday, November 25, early in the day the Chartered Company Police made an attack on Rifle's Farm with great determination. The fight was still proceeding when the despatch left.

Several ambulance trains left Pretoria yesterday for the Free State, where heavy fighting is expected during the coming week, when the Boer forces will resist the advance of the British troops in the direction of Kimberley.

Everything was quiet along the northern border of the Transvaal and New York, the Boer commando is now preparing to attack Tuli, where the garri on is busy with feverish activity striving to increase the fortifications.—Daily*el.

The following telegram from the General Officer Commanding Lines of Communications, Caps Town, has been received at the War office:—

Cape Town, November 30, 4-30 p.m.

Following received from Col. Baden-Powell, dated Mafeking, November 20:—

All well here. Cronje has gone with commando with about 20 waggons to Riesters, Transvaal leaving most of guns here with Marcea and Lichtenburg commandos, under Sifynan and Malan, with orders to shell us into submission.

Bombardment and sniping continue with very small results.

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I am daily pushing out our advance works with good effect. Health of the garrison good, and no casualties.

INCIDENTS AT THE SIEGE

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THE Paris correspondent of the "Times" says the French Government has resolved on proposing a scheme for the construction of a system of French cables, and the "Figaro" urges that France cannot safely remain dependent on English companies, but must have complete system of communication with all her possessions.

### FUNERAL OF LADY SALISBURY.

THE remains of the Countess of Salisbury were interred, shortly afternoon on Saturday, Nov. 25 in the Salisbury burying-ground attached to the churchyard of Hatfield Church. The ceremony, though entirely private and non-official, was attended by a large number of mourners, the tenantry of the Hatfield estate, and the townspeople. Lord Salisbury, who was able to be present at a private celebration of the Holy Communion in the private chapel at Hatfield House acting under medical advice, did not accompany the mourners to the Church nor to the graveside. The chief mourners included Viscount and Viscountess Cranborne, the Earl and Countess of Selbourne, the Rev. Lord William and Lady Florence Cecil, Lord and Lady Robert Cecil, Lord Hugh Cecil, M. P., Lady Gwendolen Cecil, the Earl of Pembroke (Lord Steward) representing the Queen, Hon. A. Grunelius (representing the German Emperor and Empress), Lord Colville of Culross (representing the Prince and Princess of Wales), Sir Henry, Lady and Mr. R. Alderson, Sir William and Lady Humphrey, Mr. Alderson, Mrs. F. Alderson, Mr. E. H. Alderson, Canon and Miss Alderson, the Earl and Countess of Galloway, Colonel Eustace and Lady Frances Balfour, Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., Miss Balfour, Mr. G. and Lady Betty Balfour, &c. Wreaths were sent by the Queen, the German Emperor, and other members of the royal family. There was also a memorial service at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, which was crowded. Among the congregation were several members of the Cabinet.

### THE SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE, DEC. 1.

ARRIVALS REPORTED IN LONDON.

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| Mr G A Grierson, C I E, B Cov. | Lieut-Col W F Murray. |
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EXPENSIONS OF LEAVE.

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| Major T R Macdonald, I M S B 6 mo furl. | Mr A S M Bailey, Bo Cov, 6 mo M C. |
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| Major C. J. Dennys, B. | Lieut.-Col H. W. B. Boyd, I.M.S., Bo. |
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### THE VISIT OF THE GERMAN EMPEROR.

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## THE ATTITUDE OF THE CAPE DUTCH.

WHEN the fights at Talana Hill and Elandslaagte were won, and the British soldier had proved to his brave and stubborn foes that Majuba and Laing's Nek were not to be repeated, most Britons probably echoed the cry, "We are avenged!" Apart from vengeance, and far above it in its results, is the more moral effect which these successes exercised upon the Cape Boers and on the native races throughout South Africa. There were many Boers in Cape Colony who were only waiting for some encouragement to enable them to shake off the "British yoke" and stand shoulder to shoulder with their brethren across the Vaal. Now these waverers are convinced of the hopelessness of any such attempt; the loyal Boers are encouraged, and Britons in Cape Colony are unmolested and satisfied. The Little Englander, of course, declares that England is persecuting a weak State, and should not besmirch her ancient traditions by a degrading campaign against a band of poor, innocent farmers. The representatives from the Emerald Isle (there are a few exceptions) oppose war for no other reason than the fact that it is England and England's Government that is waging it, and also because Mr. Chamberlain is one of the members of that Government. Such a reason could not be openly avowed, and therefore one of the Irish members state that "Chamberlain wishes to place the yoke of Rhodes on a free country." This Irish member has probably studied the matter as deeply as the Cape Boer who stated that "Chamberlain is forcing on a war because he wants to marry Rhodes's daughter."

Whatever happens the war will make the Colonia-Dutch feel a wholesome respect for England. At the opening of the war every Boer on the frontier of the Colony was ready to take advantage of the slightest opportunity to join forces with the Republics. In the other districts, such as the great Karroo and Sneuw Bergen, they were openly disloyal. Ministers of the Dutch Church were preaching death and destruction to the rooineks; the remarks of one of these reverend gentlemen with regard to 50,000 Britons that they were a mere breakfast for the grand army across the Vaal are well known. The writer has been reared among the Boers; he knows their sentiments and their plans. Shortly after war had been proclaimed he happened to be near a group of about thirty Cape Boers who were discussing the situation. A proclamation against high treason was posted on a board not far from them. But what did they care? After a heated discussion, the party was about to break up, when one of them stepped into the middle of the ring and offered a fervent prayer to the Almighty that the old gentleman (Kruger) might be restored to full power, and that the Transvaalers might drive the perfidious "rooinek" into the sea and boss the "vierkleur" on Table Mountain. This statement was warmly approved of, as was testified by the cries of Hoor! Hoor!" (hear, hear) which greeted the remarks. All this happened in a British town, and the Boers were farmers who had lived and grown rich in the country.

In the same place, a few weeks before, another Boer entered a bar and after warmly discovering the gentleman known to the Cape Dutch as "Jingo Joe," remarked with great emphasis that he would treat a Kaffir's dog with more consideration than he would treat an Englishman. Unluckily for himself a "verdomde rooinek," as he called him, was within earshot and after what happened then, our Dutchman kept his remarks to himself and his most trusted friends. In another "loyal" upcountry town an extraordinary incident fully demonstrated what the sentiments of the Boers are, or rather were, with regard to England. Sir A. Milner had arrived in the town for the purpose of opening a railway; among the addresses presented to him was one from the local branch of the Afrikander Bond protesting that the Bondsmen are loyal and faithful subjects of Her Majesty. Naturally, Sir Alfred was surprised at such a presentation, and promptly refused to accept the address, saying that, as British subjects, he would prefer to take their loyalty for granted. The local Progressive newspaper hinted that "suspicion ever haunts the guilty mind." That these conjectures were right did not require much proof. For on the last nights of the festivities around Boers rode about the streets firing off their guns rather more vigorously than usual, and on the following morning the local Britons found that most of the Union Jacks, Royal Standards, and, in some cases, flags bearing on them the portrait of Her Majesty, were riddled with shot and bullet-holes; in some cases large holes were burnt in them from the charges of powder fired at close quarters.

In view of these and similar incidents, it may be asked would any war that possibly could be waged in South Africa make the hatred of the Cape Boers for England more intense than it was when war was not even spoken of? The Boers before the war despised the English; at present they are silent. They respect the power of England, although they do not say so. In time their respect will grow into admiration, and then they will desire to be included in the number of the sons of the British Empire.

When the Transvaal Republic, as it was, is a thing of the past, the life-blood of the Afrikander Bond will have gone, it will decay the vanish. On that day on which the Afrikander Bond ceases to exist will are chased alike disappear.—*St. James's Gazette.*

## HOW SOME OF THE WORLD DANCES.

*(Extract)*

LAURA B. STARR, IN THE "COSMOPOLITAN" (U.S.)

THE Hindoos claim the art of dancing was taught to their women by Asparas, who followed Krishna when he came to earth in the ninth avatar. Whether this is true or not it is certain that in the East dancing has always been in the hands—or feet—of women. In India the nautch-girls are trained to the profession from childhood and form a distinct class, like the geishas of Japan. Under native rulers every great temple kept its band of dancing-girls, and Indra's heaven was full of them. The nautch-girls represented on the friezes of the old temples in India triumphantly show that not a phase of the sergentine dance was unknown to them. The nautch-girl of the present day is a graceful, gazelle-eyed creature enveloped in a filmy cloud of black and gold gauze which she keeps constantly in motion. She wears the fragrant mogra blossom which fills the air with a strange scent. It is difficult to describe the twisting, writhing, wriggling of these mysterious dancers. They move to the sound of the most unearthly forms of music, the tom-tom being always the chief offender. Sometimes they sing in a monotonous and plaintive cadence that only adds to the weird, creepy sensation which steals over a European seeing them for the first time.

The women called almas and ghawazee are, at present, the best-known representatives of the singers and dancers of Pharaonic times. They dance the same dances, with the same steps and gestures that the archæologist finds painted on the walls of many an Egyptian tomb. The "danse du ventre," as the most familiar figure is called, is one of the sights laid down in the guide-book for Cairene visitors. In making the voyage from Egypt to Chicago at the time of the Columbian Exposition, it gained the name of "couch-a-couchee," and by that appellation it is known in the Western world to-day. Like all Oriental dancers, the ghawazee are bred to the profession from their childhood, and are better skilled than any other class of women in all the feminine arts of entertainment. They dance in couples, usually, and perform at weddings "fetes" and dinners. They dance in the "patio" or courtyard, of the Egyptian home; the men lounging about smoking narghiles or telling their beads, while the ladies of the harem look through the latticed windows which interpose a barrier between them and the outer world. Frequently at weddings there are two sets of them, one dancing in the tent for the bridegroom's friends, the other performing in the harem before the bride and her attendants.

In Pharaoh's day, the ghawazee were only a girl's about the loins, and the figures they danced were most lascivious. The dances of to-day are dressed with comparative decency, and the dancing is, if not all that one could desire, at least an improvement upon the ancient gyrations. They cover their bodies, but do not conceal them; their decorated skirts are ankle-length but so hung as to leave the abdomen with its gauze covering quite exposed. The dancing consists of a series of abdominal gymnastics. Their movements are slow-measured and sliding, they strain, twist and turned themselves without grace or dignity. They wear rows of pearls and long strings of coin which constitute their entire wealth. They were the privilege of the old kings and modern viceroys, who kept bands of dancing girls to amuse themselves and their friends and lavished fortunes upon them. One celebrated for her beauty, the favourite of Said Pasha, used to wear two thousand dollars' worth of embroidery and jewelry whenever she appeared before his guests. Anciently, the almas were learned women, and their art had a higher purpose than the mere amusement of spectators or the gaining of money. There is a proverb among them to-day which declares that "singing and dancing without remuneration is like a dead body without perfume."

The hula-hulas of Hawaii were court-dancers. The hula girls were formerly a royal prerogative. Kings and chiefs retained bands of them, who performed before them in honour of their gods. It was a most honourable calling, and children were early initiated into the mysteries of the dance, as it required years of training to become proficient in the art. The late Kalakaua had a famous band of hulas, and some of the prettiest native women were among the number. No wedding or funeral ceremony was thought complete without the hula dance. The hula dancer does not move her feet from the position first taken, but turns her body from side to side, forward and backward, in a variety of contortions, accompanying these movements with gestures appropriate to the sentiments and emotions she desires to express. She wears a skirt of grass reaching only to the knees, with a loose bodice without sleeves, or a pau, which is a loose garment composed of five thicknesses of kapa cloth, four yards long and one wide; this is passed several times around her waist and extends below her knees, and is stained in a variety of figures with vegetable dyes. The hula frequently wears on her ankles dazzling bands of bells which make her look like a fairy. She is further decorated with bracelets of ivory, anklets and a necklace of whales' teeth. On her head she wears a lei—that is, a garland of flowers, which seems turning on wire or cord. The hulas dance to music which they masterfully decorate with flowers and ferns. The hula of to-day dances mostly for coin of the realm, given by the curious tourist.

MR. GEORGE BUBEAR, 40, the ex-champion sculler, was brought up at the Old Bailey on Monday (Nov. 24) for sentence on a charge of which he was convicted last Sessions of obtaining money by false pretences and with intent to defraud. The frauds were committed upon bookmakers by means of bogus telegrams relating to horse-racing. Mr. C. Mathews and Mr. George Elliott represented the prisoner. The Recorder said he recognised a great distinction between the case of the prisoner and that of his confederate Barker who played the most active part in the frauds. On one occasion, however, the prisoner undoubtedly acted the part of a principal. It had been urged that the prisoner's licence as a publican was imperilled by the conviction, but he doubted if he should take that into consideration. He sentenced the prisoner to three months' hard labour, to date from last Sessions.

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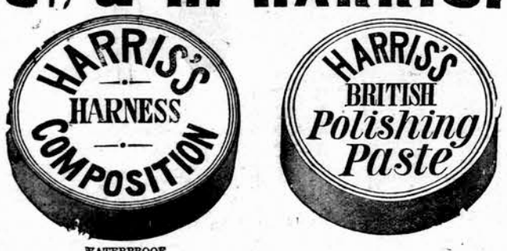


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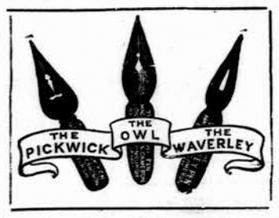


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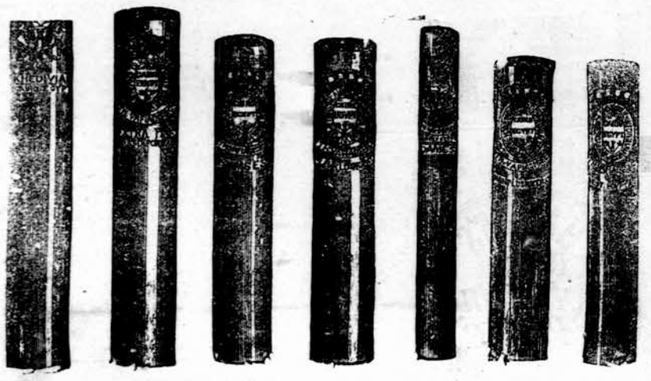

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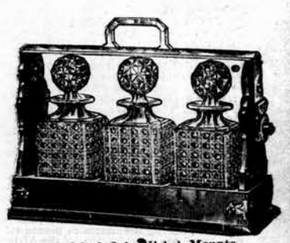
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